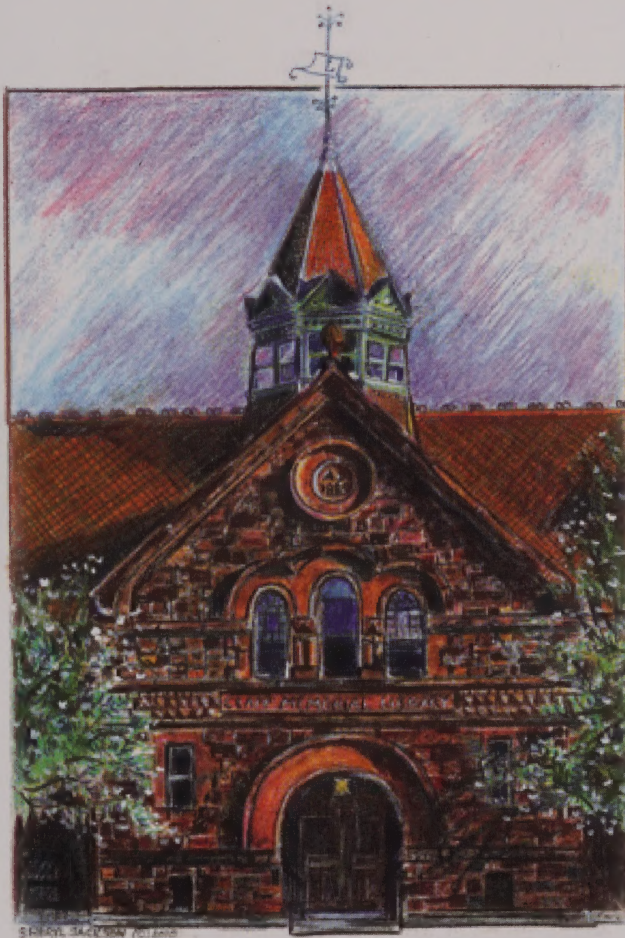


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ON THE COVER:

Local artist, Sheryl Jackson, submitted this sketch of the Clapp Memorial Library.

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2009 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2010
Ellen Lachance	5/2010

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2010
Eric Bright (<i>elected 5/12/08</i>)	5/2011
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2012

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2010
Donald L. Minney	5/2010
William R. Barnett	5/2011
Donald J. Pipczynski	5/2011

Board of Assessors

Samuel J. Joyal	5/2010
Thomas A. Barry	5/2011
William J. Huber	5/2012

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2010
Gary R. Racicot	5/2010
Sean J. Cleary	5/2011
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2011
(<i>elected 5/19/08</i>)	
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2012

Housing Authority

Tracey L. Thompson	5/2010
James J. Gambaro	5/2011
Sally M. Dodge	5/2014
John Taras	5/2013
F. Knowlton Utley (State Mbr)	2/2007

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Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2011
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Michael A. O'Connor	11/2010
Judith C. Dudek	11/2012

Planning Board

George R. Synan	5/2010
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2011
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2012
Louis Faassen	5/2013
James J. Natle	5/2014

School Committee

Beverly Phaneuf	5/2010
Eric L. Weiss	5/2011
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2011
Paul G. Anziano	5/2012
Clare Popowich	5/2012
Sharon D. Barnett	5/2009

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2010
Alfred J. Roccantì	5/2010
James A. Barry	5/2011
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2012
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2012
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2009

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2012
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2009 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/10
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Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/10
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/12
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Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report

Agricultural Commission (All members appointed 4/10/2006)

Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/10
Hope Guardianier	6/30/10
Grace Adzima	6/30/11
Will Shattuck	6/30/11
Alan Page – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/12
<i>(appt full member 11/23/2009)</i>	
Susan Gay – Assoc. Mbr..	6/30/10
Daniel Beaudette – Assoc. Mbr..	6/30/10
Jon Clements	6/30/09
Richard Reidy – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
<i>Resigned 7/22/2009)</i>	

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/10
Linda Johnson	4/30/09

Assistant Animal Control Officer

Katherine Thibedeau	4/30/10
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/10

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Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/10
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/10
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Civil Defense Deputy Director

Mark S. Brouillette	6/30/09
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Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local- Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Plan Steering Committee (Disbanded 4/6/2009)

Linda LeDuc -	Final Report
Conservation Commission	
Ronald Aponte -	Final Report
Board of Selectmen	
Gail Gramarossa -	Final Report
Board of Health	
Chris Laurenzo -	Final Report
Planning Board	
Joe Clement -	Final Report
Agricultural Commission	
Woody Sherman - EDIC	Final Report
James Jackson -	Final Report
Police Department	
Terri Hazzard – At Large	Final Report
Judy Gillan – At Large	Final Report
Bernie Schliemann –	Final Report
At Large	

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Community Preservation Committee

Edwina Cruise - At-Large Mbr	6/30/10
Cliff McCarthy - At-Large Mbr	6/30/10
James Gambaro - Housing Authority	6/30/10
Megan Manitsas - Recreation Commission	6/30/11
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/11
Debbie Whitney - At-Large Mbr (<i>appt 9/8/09</i>)	6/30/11
Linda Leduc (<i>appt 5/26/09</i>) - Conservation Commission	6/30/12
Leslie Squires - Historical Commission	6/30/12
Betsy Loughran - At-Large Mbr	6/30/12
Ken Elstein - At-Large Mbr (<i>resigned effective 9/8/2009</i>)	6/30/11
Robert Rizzo - Conservation Commission	6/30/09

Conservation Commission

Edward T. Knight	6/30/10
Larry Therrien	6/30/10
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/11
Linda Leduc	6/30/11
Elaine Hitchcock	6/30/11
David M. Haines	6/30/12
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/12
John M. Clements	6/30/12
Michael Cavatorta – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Richard Lanham – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/09

Council on Aging

Thomas Soja	6/30/10
Irene Clark (<i>appt 10/5/2009</i>)	6/30/10
Elaine Hitchcock	6/30/11
Sandra Farron	6/30/11
Esther Pierce	6/30/12
David Small	6/30/12
Patricia Kleeberg	6/30/12
Erin Lamoureux - Assoc. Mbr. (<i>appt 10/5/2009</i>)	6/30/10

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Belchertown Cultural Council

Daniel Green	6/30/10
Ashley K. Butler	6/30/10
Linda Cunningham (<i>appt 1/12/09</i>)	6/30/10
Sharon Marean	6/30/11
Matt Grillo	6/30/11
Claudia Bermudez (<i>appt 1/12/09</i>)	6/30/11
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/12
Bruce Klockars (<i>appt 6/8/2009</i>)	6/30/12
Lew Holzman (<i>appt 8/10/2009</i>)	6/30/12
Carol Wagner	6/30/09
Sharon Cady-Harrison (<i>resigned 3/9/2009</i>)	6/30/09

DIF Committee

James Barry - Selectman
Gary Brougham – Town Administrator
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer
Douglas Albertson - Planner
John Whelihan – Assessor
Loy Harris - EDIC
Paul Silva – Finance Committee

Dog Control By-Law Review Committee
(Committee disbanded 6/22/2009)

Melissa Sam Caragulian	Final Report
Gail Gramarossa	Final Report
Jennifer Dier	Final Report
Janet Lindsey	Final Report
Jeffrey M. Rock	Final Report
Jeffrey G. Anliker	Final Report
Sally M. Dodge	Final Report

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Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/10
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/10
Ken Dorey - Low Income Seat (<i>appt 1/26/2009</i>)	6/30/11
Juanita M. Hollar - Real Estate Seat (<i>appt full mbr 4/7/09</i>)	6/30/11
Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/12
Richard Kump - Assoc. Mbr. (<i>appt 11/16/09</i>)	6/30/10
Bob Meyers - Assoc. Mbr. (<i>appt 5/19/09</i>); (<i>resigned 11/16/09</i>)	6/30/10
Richard Barry - Real Estate (<i>resigned 2/9/2009</i>)	6/30/11
Bob Meyers (<i>appt 7/27/2009</i>); (<i>resigned 11/16/09</i>)	6/30/12
Richard Kump - Financial Seat (<i>resigned 11/16/09</i>)	6/30/10
Loy Harris-Industrial Seat	6/30/09
Woody Sherman, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/09
Juanita Holler, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/09

EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer EMT-Paramedic

EMS Department

Jonathan T. Smith - Part-Time EMT-Paramedic	6/30/10
Richard Blomstrom - Part-Time EMT-Paramedic	6/30/10
Scott Kozak - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/10
Benjamin Saunders - Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/10
Jan Thornton - Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/10
John Hawley - Part-Time EMT Intermediate	6/30/10
Jeffrey Lavoie - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/10
John Lebreccque - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/10
Judi Searle	6/30/10
P.T. EMT-Intermediate	

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Kate O'Connor - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/10
Stuart Remensnyder - Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/09
Lisa Maloney - Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/09

Energy Committee

Committee established 4/6/2009

Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/10
Cindy Janke	6/30/10
Gordon Boyce	6/30/10
Rob Rizzo	6/30/10
Peter Landry (<i>appt 12/21/09</i>)	6/30/10
Frank Lomanno (<i>appt 6/1/09</i>)	6/30/10
Patrick Daly (<i>appt full member 4/13/09</i> ; <i>Assoc. Mbr. - 12/21/09</i>)	6/30/10
Thom Wright (<i>appt 4/13/09</i>); (<i>resigned 4/27/09</i>)	6/30/10

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/10
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/10
Cindy Brown	6/30/10
Kevin Brown	6/30/10
Carla Chaisson	6/30/10
Kevin LaCroix	6/30/10
Darlene Coulombe	6/30/10
Scott Brown	6/30/10
Sean Walker	6/30/10
Mark Nute	6/30/10
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/10

Belchertown Family Center

Amy Scott	6/30/10
April Czupryna (<i>appt 1/26/2009</i>)	6/30/10
Claudia Bermudez (<i>appt 1/12/09</i>)	6/30/11
Stacy Stackhouse	6/30/12
Lori Allen (<i>appt 9/8/2009</i>)	6/30/12
Angela Braese	6/30/09

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Finance Committee

Steven Rose		6/30/10
Mary Olberding (<i>appt 4/9/09</i>)		6/30/10
Paul M. Silva		6/30/11
Laurie Shea		6/30/11
Kate DeCau (<i>appt 8/24/09</i>)		6/30/12
Themis Tsoumas		6/30/09
Linda Barron (<i>resigned 3/31/09</i>)		6/30/10

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Joint Commission for Foley Field

Robert Rizzo – Conservation Rep	Final Report
Daniel Beaudette – Planning Board Rep	Final Report
Ed Sokolowski – Recreation Comm. Rep	Final Report
Alfred Roccanti – Board of Selectmen Rep	Final Report
Kirk Stephens, EDIC Rep (<i>appt 2/23/09</i>)	Final Report
Richard Barry, EDIC Rep (<i>resigned 2/9/2009</i>)	Final Report

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire/ EMS Merger Study Committee

All members appointed 11/20/2006

Larry Therrien	Final Report
Mark Brouillette	Final Report
Michael Greco	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final Report
David Auchter	Final Report
Jill Panto - Town Acct.	Final Report
Gary Brougham – Town Administrator	Final Report

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

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**Hampshire Council of Government's
Electric Cooperative Committee**

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/10
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Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/10
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/10
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Inspector of Animal

Thomas Flebotte (<i>appt 4/8/09</i>)	4/30/10
Gary Racicot	4/30/09

Historical Commission

Shannon Materka	6/30/10
Steven Cole	6/30/10
Leslie Squires	6/30/11
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/11
Sue Fulton	6/30/11
F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/12
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/12
Judith Fuller Gillan-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Alice M. Pelissier-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/10
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/11
Rob Condon - At Large	6/30/11
Denise Smith	6/30/12
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/12

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**Industrial Development
Financing Authority (IDFA)**

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/11
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/10
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Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/10
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**Assistant Inspector of
Plumbing and Gas Fittings**

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/10
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Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko	6/30/10
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Brian Varney	6/30/10
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Douglas Rae (Alternate)	6/30/10
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Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/10
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Leslie Squires	6/30/10
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Janet M Jourdain	6/30/11
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Edward T. Knight	6/30/12
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William Bowan)	6/30/12
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Susan Gay, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
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Archie Archible, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
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F. Thomas Keefe	6/30/09
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(resigned 2/1/08)

Leo Beauchemin	6/30/09
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(resigned 3/31/08)

Personnel Board

Kelly Flynn	6/30/10
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Richard J. Fritsch	6/30/10
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(appt 5/13/09)

Simon James	6/30/11
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Sharon Riley	6/30/12
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Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/12
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Julie W. Peck <i>(resigned 1/2009)</i>	6/30/10
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Town Planner

Douglas Albertson	
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**Planning Board – Alternate Voting
Member for Special Permits**

Mark Andrews	6/30/09
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Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
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James Phaneuf	Final Report
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John Drawec	Final Report
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Diane Smith	Final Report
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Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
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Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.	
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Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/10
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**Police Department – Sergeants
(Full-time)**

Bruce Jenks	6/30/10
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David Conkey	6/30/10
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Kevin Pacunas	6/30/10
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William A. Panto	6/30/10
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**Police Department – Patrol Officers
(Full-time)**

Edward H. Oey	6/30/10
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James Daniels	6/30/10
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Valerie Cote	6/30/10
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Adam Brougham	6/30/10
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Neil Lozier	6/30/10
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John Raymer	6/30/10
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Jason Krol	6/30/10
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Steven W. Henn, Jr.	6/30/10
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Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/10
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David Williams	6/30/10
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Jason Christofori	6/30/10
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Michael Beaupre	6/30/10
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Michael Roney	6/30/10
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Linnea Bernard	6/30/09
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Police Department – Patrol Officers
(Part-time)

William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/10
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/10
Josh Dufresne	6/30/10
Jacob Strange	6/30/10
Andrew Sieracki	6/30/10
James Taylor	6/30/10
Anthony Sotolotto	6/30/10
Brent Noyes	6/30/10
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/10
Michael T. Roney, Jr.	6/30/09
Michael J. Beaupre	6/30/09
Matthew R. Benoit	6/30/09

Police Station Building Committee
(Committee disbanded 4/6/2009)

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/10
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/10
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/10

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PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning
Commission) Representatives

Daniel Beaudette	6/30/10
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/10

PVTA Advisory Board

David Small (appt 7/27/2009)	6/30/10
Brian O'Leary	6/30/09

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Business Assistance Loan Program
(Belchertown Representative)

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/10
(appt 10/13/2009)	
Gregory Galanek	6/30/09

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce
Regional Economic Development
(Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of
Commerce Tourism Committee
(Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Recreation Building Study Committee
(Committee disbanded 4/6/2009)

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

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Recreation Commission

Kathleen Williams		6/30/10
Kelly A. Harris		6/30/10
Thomas P. Kubacki		6/30/10
Megan Manitsas		6/30/11
Karen Corey		6/30/11
Andrew French (<i>appt 6/1/2009</i>)		6/30/11
Lisa Gustafson		6/30/12
Shannon Synan - Assoc. Mbr.		6/30/10
Edward Sokolowski - Assoc. Mbr.		6/30/10

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory)

**Regional Economic Development
Commission Regarding the Ware River
Valley Regional Economic Target Area**

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Michael Reardon

Gerald Grasso - Alternate Mbr

Registrars of Voters

Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/10
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/11
Linda E. Barron	3/31/12
(<i>appt 3/2/09, eff. 4/1/09</i>)	
William R. Barnett	6/30/12
M. Florine Neggers	3/31/09

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury -	3/31/10
Belchertown High School	

Precinct Coordinator

John D. Burns (<i>appt 10/5/09</i>)	8/31/10
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Election Officers – Precinct A

George R. Harrell (Warden)	8/31/10
Caroline Joyal (Clerk)	8/31/10

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane K. Ricchiazzi (Warden)	8/31/10
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/10

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge (Warden)	8/31/10
Samuel J. Joyal (Clerk)	8/31/10
(<i>appt 10/5/2009</i>)	

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	8/31/10
Michael J. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/10

Rent Control Board

Donald Minney (<i>appt 2/23/09</i>)	6/30/10
Steven Syriac	6/30/11
Simon James	6/30/14

Belchertown Scholarship

Fund Committee

Judith Houle	6/30/10
Michael O'Connor	6/30/10
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/10
Keith Poulin	6/30/10
Simon R. James	6/30/10
Clare Popowich (<i>appt 9/14/09</i>)	6/30/10
Theresa Glanville	6/30/10
Sharon Barnett	6/30/09

Scaler of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/10
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Senior Center Building Committee

(Committee disbanded 4/6/2009)

Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyarka	Final Report

Skate Park Committee

H. Bradford Rose	6/30/10
Laura Tan	6/30/10
Christine Shaw	6/30/11
Ed Lofland <i>(appt Full Member 10/13/2009)</i>	6/30/11
Nancy Voyer	6/30/12
Marcia G. Gamache -Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
David Belknap <i>(appt Associate Mbr 10/13/2009)</i>	6/30/10
Jeremy Shaw – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Richard Downey – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Carolyn O'Donnell - Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/09

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/10
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director	Final Report

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/10
James Burke	6/30/10
Christopher deHahn	6/30/10
Joseph Gohra	6/30/10
Lew Louraine	6/30/10
Paul Nelson	6/30/10

Trail Stewardship Council

(members appointed 10/19/2009)

LeeAnne Connolly – Town	6/30/10
Douglas Albertson - Alternate for Town	6/30/10
Richard Cole III - Landowners	6/30/10

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/10
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/10
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Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/09
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Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/10
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Name Office Term Expires

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, 6/30/10
Kopelman and Paige

Town Government Study Committee
(2/23/09 Membership Size Reduced to 5)

Andrew Todd Rome Final Report
Elizabeth Wexford Final Report
Betty Jean Jackson Final Report
Fran Carmody Freeman Final Report
Beth Cohen Final Report

250th Anniversary Committee
Appointed 8/10/2009

Peg Louraine Final Report
Leslie Squires Final Report
Shirley Salvatore Final Report
Andrea Filipkowski Final Report
Donald Pipczynski Final Report
Linda Sterling Final Report
William Barnett Final Report
Paul Dansereau Final Report
MaryEllen O'Reilly-Bracey Final Report
Cliff McCarthy Final Report
Gloria Fortunato Final Report
Kevin Brown Final Report
Cindy Brown Final Report
Mary-Alice Austin Final Report

Trench Permitting Authority
Appointed 1/26/2009

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate
Trench Permitting Authority

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione 3/31/12

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood 3/31/12

Name Office Term Expires

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III 4/30/10

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

William McClure - Assoc. Mbr. 6/30/10
William Bowen 6/30/10
Janet Jourdain 6/30/11
Michael Mount 6/30/12
Keith Poulin 6/30/12
Gerry Desilets 6/30/12
George "Archie" Archible 6/30/12
Raymond Janke Period of employment
Vincent Viglione Period of employment

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard G. Barry 6/30/10
Raymond G. Goff 6/30/11
Gregory A. Galanek 6/30/12
Diane Loftus Mas 6/30/09
(resigned 1/24/2008)

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Robert Hislop 6/30/10
Bernadette Harrigan 6/30/10
Dave Lucey 6/30/10

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima 6/30/10

Board of Selectmen

This report from the Board of Selectmen will touch on a few of the highlights of 2009 that we have been involved with. We encourage you to read the reports from various committees and boards found elsewhere in this Annual Report.

In the spring of 2009, we lost the service of longtime Selectman Gerald Grasso. Anyone who paid the slightest attention to town government knew that Jerry was a hard working, outspoken advocate for “the little guy”. His many years on the Board gave him a historical perspective that was extremely important in resolving many issues. Ken Elstein was elected to fill Jerry’s seat. Ken had previously served on the Community Preservation Committee as well as other boards and brings a wealth of experience that is unique. We have already benefited from his service.

The fiscal health of Belchertown remains precarious. We could write that sentence every year for this report and it remains true. The cost of heating oil, gas, health insurance and just about everything we cannot do without has steadily risen. The amount of money that the Town receives from the State does not keep pace with the increase in expenses. Yet, once again, our town employees have met the challenge and continue to provide excellent service with very limited resources. This year we saw a slight improvement in the number of new single family homes being built in town and thus new real estate tax revenues may be on the rise.

In the spring of 2009, we began using the bulk of the \$100,000 grant that accompanied our participation in MGL Chapter 43D - Priority Development Site. The Selectmen and the BEDIC worked with professional consultants to guide a Feasibility Study for the former State School campus. This resulted in a comprehensive document of precisely what is available on site, what the constraints of the site are, and what the potential development scenarios might be. We also began a relationship with Mass Development Corp that will aid us in our future efforts to bring good paying jobs as well as sustainable real estate taxes to the site. This was another important step in advancing much needed business development in that area.

2009 also saw another wonderful example of many different groups working together for a common cause and generating a positive outcome. When former Superintendent Richard Pazasis suggested that the School Department accept the land known as Foley Field, a long time dilemma was solved; namely, how to preserve that fabulous resource. The BEDIC was willing to offer the land to the Town but was rightly concerned that it not have a negative impact on future economic development next door. With yeoman work by Ed Sokolowski, the School Committee, BEDIC, Community Preservation Committee, and the Selectmen, we were able to iron out a deal that was clearly a “win-win” for everyone in town.

2009 also saw the creation of a new committee in town; the Energy Committee. It is charged with assisting town employees to identify energy efficiencies, seek grants, and educate the public on energy related topics. Grants were applied for and by the middle of February of 2010, the Town was notified that we had received over \$200,000 for energy conservation measures. Also, the Committee aided the Town in its project of becoming designated a Green Community. When that becomes final, we would then become eligible for applying for additional grants that are only available to Green Communities.

All in all, 2009 saw many accomplishments and the beginnings of many projects that will continue into 2010. We are grateful for the efforts put forth by the Town employees. Their dedication is truly remarkable and they do amazing work with very limited resources. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who put in untold numbers of hours to make our community the place that we all are proud to call home.

Respectfully submitted,

James A Barry, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

The past year has been very busy in the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen's Office. Although we did not engage any significant construction or capital projects during 2009, the economic challenges we continue to face set the demands one would reasonably expect from more enjoyable activities. As I enter my 14th year in this position, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the dedication of our office staff and the many hardworking employees, elected officials and volunteers who give so generously in so many ways. Our success would not be possible without their assistance.

On an ongoing basis, the Town Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Town. Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Personnel management;
- Implementation of policies and procedures as established by the Board of Selectmen;
- Maintaining compliance with respective federal and state workplace requirements;
- Collective bargaining matters;
- Participation on the Town's Financial Management Team;
- Recommending capital improvement expenditures;
- Interacting closely with the Town's department managers and Superintendent of Schools;
- Attending regular meetings of the Town;
- Representing the Town at all legal and public hearings and/or mandated proceedings, and the list goes on and on...

A close review of this list establishes most of these functions somehow, someway are directly connected to a funding source or primary budget which in these difficult economic times deepens the meeting of fiscal constraint and creativity as a prerequisite of success during these most challenging times.

A shining example of our success is the Town's ability to maintain its entire workforce with minimal disruption to service or programs with an operating budget that has been reduced by nearly 30% on the State level and impacted tremendously by a local development rate that has declined by nearly 80% for the past two years. We have been told by our state and federal officials the worse is over; however, the economy's rebound will take several additional years. I am absolutely confident the Town's administration will continue to adjust to make every possible effort to maintain its current staffing and program availability as these challenges continue.

As always, we welcome suggestions or feedback from the public. Our continued success is entirely dependent on open communication. Finally, and once again, I would like to thank the many town employees, elected board and committee members, volunteers and concerned citizens who give so generously of their time and energy to make Belchertown a special place to call home.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham,
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

In FY09 Belchertown was fortunate to see a healthy increase in the Cherry Sheets. However, FY10 saw a decrease from estimated receipts of \$15,939,623 to \$14,969,529. Chapter 70 school aid was down \$264,000 and Lottery reimbursement was down \$618,526. Aggravating the decreases in state aid were increases in mandatory expenses such as health insurance, pensions, and negotiated increases in labor costs. The net result after increases in property taxes was a .0065% increase in the town's annual budget from \$42,609,359 in FY09, to \$42,888,365 in FY10. The town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The free cash went down from \$676,219 in FY09 to \$394,475 in FY10. As predicted, building activity in the town has slowed dramatically, and thus the new growth figures have been much less than in years past.

Similar to last year, we are now hearing warnings from Boston that the budget for FY11 is going to be drastically reduced. We have been told to anticipate reductions between 5 and 10%. Cuts for FY10 were not as draconian as threatened due to the use of stimulus funds for education, a substantial draw down of the state's rainy day fund, and the increase in the state's sales tax. We have been told that for FY11 there is very little stimulus money left, the rainy day fund is down to approximately 500 million, and there is little political will for any further tax increases. However as this report is being written, collectively the states are lobbying Congress for a second stimulus. That possibility is uncertain.

Therefore, we are just now entering yet another extremely difficult budget season dealing with the effects of the "Great Recession". The Finance Committee has begun meetings with department heads to be "pro-active" and develop budgeting strategies dealing with the realities we face. It goes without saying that new hiring should be kept at an absolute minimum. Despite all this bad news, we remain committed to keeping lay-offs to a minimum, and to maintaining essential services.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rose, Chairman
Finance Committee

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2009

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,473,202.45	2,116,060.73	61,600.26	310,325.59	93,982.13	2,455,568.83		8,510,739.99
Petty Cash Advance	35.00	4,111.00						4,146.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	462,520.30							462,520.30
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	170,117.88							170,117.88
Tax Liens	587,065.36			9,933.69				596,999.05
Special Assessments	54,593.45			4,947,643.55				5,002,237.00
Departmental	183,961.61			221,676.85				405,638.46
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(339,627.01)							(339,627.01)
Tax Foreclosures	258,844.53							258,844.53
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		4,412.88						4,412.88
Due From Other Governments	110,720.88	616,107.56	342,684.25					1,069,512.69
Am't. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00		185,000.00					185,000.00
Am't. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							39,988,474.05	39,988,474.05
Am't. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							185,673.54	185,673.54
Total Assets	5,012,735.18	2,740,692.17	589,284.51	5,489,579.68	93,982.13	2,455,568.83	40,174,147.59	56,555,990.09

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2009

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Warrants Payable	1,971,067.36	120,053.81	15,855.96	52,523.21	11,386.70	927.06		2,171,814.10
Employee Withholdings	297,798.17	1,950.00						299,748.17
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	(68,296.69)							(68,296.69)
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	170,117.88			9,933.69				170,117.88
Tax Liens	587,065.36			4,947,643.55				596,999.05
Special Assessments	54,593.45							5,002,237.00
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	183,961.61			221,676.85				405,638.46
Tax Foreclosures	258,844.53							258,844.53
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,424.77	342,684.25					1,069,512.69
Government Receivable	110,720.88	616,107.56						0.00
Grant Receivable	0.00		185,000.00					185,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	53,789.98	988.11						54,778.09
Early Payment of 2010 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	24,471.04							24,471.04
Unclaimed Checks	41,233.61							41,233.61
Excess on Land of Low Value							39,988,474.05	39,988,474.05
Bond Indebtedness							185,673.54	185,673.54
Compensated Absences								
Total Liabilities	3,736,667.91	742,524.25	543,540.21	5,231,777.30	11,386.70	927.06	40,174,147.59	50,440,971.02
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	10,053.40							10,053.40
Reserve for Expenditures	332,194.00	162,762.20		67,241.00	78,278.00			640,475.20
Unreserved Fund Balance	933,819.87							933,819.87
Reserved Fund Balance		1,778,119.21	45,744.30	190,561.38	4,317.43	2,454,641.77		4,473,384.09
Title V Septic System Loan		57,286.51						57,286.51
Total Fund Equity	1,276,067.27	1,998,167.92	45,744.30	257,802.38	82,595.43	2,454,641.77	0.00	6,115,019.07
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	5,012,735.18	2,740,692.17	589,284.51	5,489,579.68	93,982.13	2,455,568.83	40,174,147.59	56,555,990.09

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash		3,473,202.45
Petty Cash Advance		35.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	462,520.30	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	170,117.88	
Tax Liens	587,065.36	
Special Assessments	54,593.45	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	183,961.61	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	110,720.88	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(339,627.01)</u>	
		1,280,653.20
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>258,844.53</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,012,735.18</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		1,971,067.36
Employee Withholdings		297,798.17
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(68,296.69)	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	170,117.88	
Tax Liens	587,065.36	
Special Assessments	54,593.45	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	183,961.61	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	110,720.88	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>258,844.53</u>	
		1,348,307.75
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		41,233.61
Early Payment of 2010 Property Tax		53,789.98
Unclaimed Checks		<u>24,471.04</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,736,667.91</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Expenditures		332,194.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		10,053.40
Unreserved Fund Balance		<u>933,819.87</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>1,276,067.27</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>5,012,735.18</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State						
ASSETS										
Cash	624,259.25	(330,087.55)	56,121.66	254,746.73	23,378.25	98,591.80	1,121,819.60	267,230.99	2,116,060.73	
Petty Cash Advance							4,111.00		4,111.00	
Due From Commonwealth		434,731.56		8,493.00			112,907.00		556,131.56	
Am't to be Provided-Notes Payable	4,412.88								0.00	
Surcharge Receivable			59,976.00						4,412.88	
Due from Federal Government									59,976.00	
Total Assets	628,672.13	104,644.01	116,097.66	263,239.73	23,378.25	98,591.80	1,238,837.60	267,230.99	2,740,692.17	
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities:										
Warrants Payable	5,920.37	16,757.00	29,577.22	26,238.97	7,248.54	9.00	32,254.18	2,048.53	120,053.81	
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		434,731.56		8,493.00			112,907.00	1,950.00	556,131.56	
Employee Withholdings									1,950.00	
Bond Anticipation Note									0.00	
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	3,424.77								3,424.77	
Early pmt of '10 CPA Surcharge	988.11								988.11	
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable			59,976.00						59,976.00	
Total Liabilities	10,333.25	451,488.56	89,553.22	34,731.97	7,248.54	9.00	145,161.18	3,998.53	742,524.25	
Fund Equity:										
Design. for Subs Years Expense	455,576.68	(346,844.55)	26,544.44	228,507.76	16,129.71	98,582.80	1,036,389.91	263,232.46	1,778,119.21	
Reserve for Open Space	59,142.60								59,142.60	
Reserve for Historic Resources	1,841.30								1,841.30	
Reserve for Community Housing	101,778.30								101,778.30	
Title V Septic System Loan							57,286.51		57,286.51	
Total Fund Equity	618,338.88	(346,844.55)	26,544.44	228,507.76	16,129.71	98,582.80	1,093,676.42	263,232.46	1,998,167.92	
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	628,672.13	104,644.01	116,097.66	263,239.73	23,378.25	98,591.80	1,238,837.60	267,230.99	2,740,692.17	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Capital Projects Fund

Combined Balance Sheet

June 30, 2009

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	FY08 Capital	Totals (Memo. Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	10,520.66	51,079.60	0.00	61,600.26
WPAT Receivable		342,684.25		342,684.25
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		<u>185,000.00</u>		<u>185,000.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>578,763.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>589,284.51</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY</u>				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00	15,855.96	0.00	15,855.96
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		342,684.25		342,684.25
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		185,000.00		185,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payab		<u>0.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>543,540.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>543,540.21</u>
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>35,223.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45,744.30</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>35,223.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45,744.30</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>578,763.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>589,284.51</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash		310,325.59
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	9,159.77	
Sewer User Fees	212,517.08	
Assessments	4,947,643.55	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>9,933.69</u>	
		<u>5,179,254.09</u>
 Total Assets		 <u>5,489,579.68</u> -----

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		52,523.21
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	9,159.77	
Sewer User Fees	212,517.08	
Assessments	4,947,643.55	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>9,933.69</u>	
		<u>5,179,254.09</u>
 Total Liabilities		 <u>5,231,777.30</u>
 Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		67,241.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		0.00
Retained Earnings		<u>190,561.38</u>
 Total Fund Equity		 <u>257,802.38</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		 <u>5,489,579.68</u> -----

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash	<u>93,982.13</u>
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Total Assets	<u>93,982.13</u>
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>11,386.70</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>11,386.70</u>
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Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures	78,278.00
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Retained Earnings	<u>4,317.43</u>
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Total Fund Equity	<u>82,595.43</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>93,982.13</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2009

	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS04 Cap Loan-05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Slader St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rr MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Eventt -Juller, Toppin, Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick (Memo Only) Leave	Totals
ASSETS																	
Am't to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	21,010,000.00	150,000.00	1,005,000.00	3,440,000.00	4,737,700.00	314,545.00	374,289.00	791,975.00	46,412.33	500,000.00	325,000.00	1,499,706.00	3,142,511.72	1,651,335.00			39,888,474.05
Am't to be Provided for Comp. Absence															30,493.66	155,179.88	185,673.54
Total Assets	21,010,000.00	150,000.00	1,005,000.00	3,440,000.00	4,737,700.00	314,545.00	374,289.00	791,975.00	46,412.33	500,000.00	325,000.00	1,499,706.00	3,142,511.72	1,651,335.00	30,493.66	155,179.88	40,174,147.59
LIABILITIES																	
Bond Indebtedness	21,010,000.00	150,000.00	1,005,000.00	3,440,000.00	4,737,700.00	314,545.00	374,289.00	791,975.00	46,412.33	500,000.00	325,000.00	1,499,706.00	3,142,511.72	1,651,335.00			39,888,474.05
Compensated Absences															30,493.66	155,179.88	185,673.54
Total Liabilities	21,010,000.00	150,000.00	1,005,000.00	3,440,000.00	4,737,700.00	314,545.00	374,289.00	791,975.00	46,412.33	500,000.00	325,000.00	1,499,706.00	3,142,511.72	1,651,335.00	30,493.66	155,179.88	40,174,147.59

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS</u>		<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		<u>FIDUCIARY TYPE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Rev.</u>	<u>Capital Funds</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Expendable Trusts</u>	<u>(Memo. Only)</u>
Revenue:						
Taxes	19,596,876.65					19,596,876.65
State Receipts	16,206,677.50					16,206,677.50
Excise Taxes	1,547,675.65					1,547,675.65
Tax Liens	94,465.13					94,465.13
Lieu Taxes	197,416.06					197,416.06
Licenses & Permits	136,876.60					136,876.60
Special Assessments	14,755.85					14,755.85
Interest	247,484.82	24,221.78		4,843.01	77,274.41	353,824.02
Fines & Forfeits	48,419.80					48,419.80
Departmental Revenue	277,223.59	2,592,562.70		1,435,518.57	264,183.38	4,569,488.24
Fees	72,665.65					72,665.65
Rentals	64,610.20					64,610.20
Umass Transit	33,042.00					33,042.00
Other Miscellaneous	50,755.78					50,755.78
Grants		314,629.56				314,629.56
Performance Guarantees		4,147,167.45				4,147,167.45
Gifts		37,000.00				37,000.00
Temporary Loans		186,954.33				186,954.33
MWPAT			185,000.00			185,000.00
Bond Proceeds			889,359.41			889,359.41
						<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	38,588,945.28	7,302,535.82	1,074,359.41	1,440,361.58	77,274.41	48,747,659.88
Expenditures:						
General Government	1,478,642.73	358,731.09				1,837,373.82
Protection of Persons & Property	2,853,724.19	281,969.33				3,135,693.52
Education	23,594,760.21	4,720,256.26				28,315,016.47
Public Works	2,125,850.39	789,416.39		695,059.98		3,897,239.84
Human Services	658,444.05	226,188.90			20,812.21	905,445.16
Culture & Recreation	680,182.73	301,395.43				981,578.16

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS	FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):						
Insurance & Unclassified	2,881,576.33					2,881,576.33
Debt & Interest	3,704,799.86	300,000.00		851,235.30		4,856,035.16
State Assessments	753,604.00					753,604.00
Prior Year Expenditures	100,631.82			10.30		100,642.12
Land Purchase						0.00
Construction			1,627,116.20			1,627,116.20
Equipment						0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds						0.00
Temporary Loan			220,000.00			220,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>38,832,216.31</u>	<u>6,977,957.40</u>	<u>1,847,116.20</u>	<u>1,546,305.58</u>	<u>20,812.21</u>	<u>49,511,320.78</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(243,271.03)	324,578.42	(772,756.79)	(105,944.00)	56,462.20	(763,660.90)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	520,781.12	0.00	35,000.00	188,888.00	102,347.38	847,016.50
Operating Transfers Out	<u>188,888.00</u>	<u>402,000.00</u>	<u>118,781.12</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>744,669.12</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>331,893.12</u>	<u>(402,000.00)</u>	<u>(83,781.12)</u>	<u>153,888.00</u>	<u>102,347.38</u>	<u>102,347.38</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	88,622.09	(77,421.58)	(856,537.91)	47,944.00	158,809.58	(661,313.52)
Audit Adjustment	(4,047.59)	(246.11)				(4,293.70)
Fund Balance 7-1-08	<u>1,191,492.77</u>	<u>2,073,674.61</u>	<u>902,282.21</u>	<u>209,858.38</u>	<u>1,536,700.76</u>	<u>6,019,333.86</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-09	<u>1,276,067.27</u>	<u>1,996,006.92</u>	<u>45,744.30</u>	<u>257,802.38</u>	<u>1,695,510.34</u>	<u>5,353,726.64</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	19,691,914.54	19,596,876.65	(95,037.89)
State Receipts	16,167,173.00	16,206,677.50	39,504.50
Excise Taxes	1,500,500.00	1,547,675.65	47,175.65
Tax Liens	0.00	94,465.13	94,465.13
Lieu Taxes	196,000.00	197,416.06	1,416.06
Licenses & Permits	154,500.00	136,876.60	(17,623.40)
Special Assessments	9,976.00	14,755.85	4,779.85
Interest	281,500.00	247,484.82	(34,015.18)
Fines & Forfeits	59,000.00	48,419.80	(10,580.20)
Departmental Revenue	286,000.00	277,223.59	(8,776.41)
Fees	70,000.00	72,665.65	2,665.65
Rentals	61,000.00	64,610.20	3,610.20
Umass Transit	32,000.00	33,042.00	1,042.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	50,755.78	50,755.78
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	38,509,563.54	38,588,945.28	79,381.74
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,542,207.20	1,478,642.73	63,564.47
Protection of Persons & Property	2,926,536.72	2,853,724.19	72,812.53
Education	23,601,994.00	23,594,760.21	7,233.79
Public Works	2,160,186.00	2,125,850.39	34,335.61
Human Services	743,398.10	658,444.05	84,954.05
Culture & Recreation	692,263.72	680,182.73	12,080.99
Insurance & Unclassified	3,051,062.68	2,881,576.33	169,486.35
Debt & Interest	3,718,158.00	3,704,799.86	13,358.14
State Assessments	725,409.00	753,604.00	(28,195.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	102,656.00	100,631.82	2,024.18
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	39,263,871.42	38,832,216.31	431,655.11
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(243,271.03)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	520,531.12	520,781.12	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>188,888.00</u>	<u>188,888.00</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>331,643.12</u>	<u>331,893.12</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		88,622.09	
Audit Adjustments		(4,047.59)	
Fund Balance 7/1/08		<u>1,191,492.77</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/09		<u>1,276,067.27</u>	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY10
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Moderator	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$18,916.00	\$17,645.45	\$1,270.55	
Town Administrator	\$188,536.00	\$187,668.95	\$867.05	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,235.70	\$264.30	
Finance Committee	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	
Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	*
Town Accountant	\$178,300.00	\$176,761.67	\$1,538.33	
MIS Director	\$212,631.00	\$205,557.19	\$7,073.81	\$509.78
Assessors	\$264,612.00	\$258,254.00	\$6,358.00	
Treasurer/Collector	\$271,513.00	\$256,340.69	\$15,172.31	
Law Account	\$91,300.00	\$69,581.35	\$21,718.65	\$8,000.00
Town Clerk	\$106,514.00	\$105,869.51	\$644.49	
Election & Registration	\$32,443.00	\$30,866.32	\$1,576.68	
Conservation Commission	\$73,588.00	\$72,073.21	\$1,514.79	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$1,945.20	\$1,945.20	\$0.00	
Planning Board	\$92,889.00	\$90,870.30	\$2,018.70	\$32.32
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,695.00	\$713.50	\$1,981.50	
EDIC	\$270.00	\$219.12	\$50.88	
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$455.57	\$44.43	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$3,580.00</u>	<u>\$2,360.00</u>	<u>\$1,220.00</u>	
	\$1,542,207.20	\$1,478,642.73	\$63,564.47	\$8,542.10
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>				
Police Department	\$1,769,453.00	\$1,725,766.14	\$43,686.86	
Fire Department	\$324,642.00	\$323,709.63	\$932.37	
Hydrant Service	\$23,815.00	\$23,814.40	\$0.60	
EMS	\$615,160.28	\$613,534.66	\$1,625.62	
Injured on Duty	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$12,841.00	\$12,841.00	\$0.00	
Inspection Services	\$132,528.00	\$115,946.74	\$16,581.26	
Civil Defense	\$1,520.00	\$527.90	\$992.10	
Dog Officer	<u>\$38,577.44</u>	<u>\$37,583.72</u>	<u>\$993.72</u>	\$39.89
	\$2,926,536.72	\$2,853,724.19	\$72,812.53	\$39.89
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
Town Schools	\$22,725,738.00	\$22,718,504.21	\$7,233.79	
Regional School	<u>\$876,256.00</u>	<u>\$876,256.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$23,601,994.00	\$23,594,760.21	\$7,233.79	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY10
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Personal Services	\$653,083.00	\$635,084.28	\$17,998.72	
Professional Engineering	\$17,000.00	\$16,967.42	\$32.58	
Administration	\$9,200.00	\$9,118.03	\$81.97	
Snow & Ice Control	\$368,100.00	\$368,055.05	\$44.95	
Street Lighting	\$36,200.00	\$32,311.14	\$3,888.86	
Road Machinery	\$122,750.00	\$122,750.00	\$0.00	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$91,500.00	\$90,771.80	\$728.20	
Town Garage	\$31,915.00	\$31,674.01	\$240.99	
Hired Services	\$103,500.00	\$103,442.42	\$57.58	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$379,778.00	\$376,274.28	\$3,503.72	\$10.26
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$62,150.00	\$59,506.18	\$2,643.82	
Finnerty House	\$7,900.00	\$7,892.44	\$7.56	
EMS Building	\$13,550.00	\$13,196.12	\$353.88	
Police Station	\$51,300.00	\$50,093.48	\$1,206.52	
Senior Center Building	\$46,100.00	\$45,735.39	\$364.61	
Recreation Building	\$36,000.00	\$35,329.78	\$670.22	
Freedom Center	\$31,500.00	\$30,825.44	\$674.56	
Franklin School Building	\$1,000.00	\$665.36	\$334.64	
Fire Station	\$38,575.00	\$37,766.79	\$808.21	
Everett Ave Property	\$500.00	\$377.00	\$123.00	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	\$11,350.00	\$11,212.86	\$137.14	
Old Town Hall	\$11,100.00	\$10,795.91	\$304.09	
Town Common	\$2,750.00	\$2,620.21	\$129.79	
Town Clock	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Cemetery Department	<u>\$32,785.00</u>	<u>\$32,785.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$2,160,186.00	\$2,125,850.39	\$34,335.61	\$10.26
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Board of Health	\$17,332.00	\$8,428.36	\$8,903.64	
Quabbin Health District	\$120,099.10	\$120,099.10	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$385,312.00	\$343,408.84	\$41,903.16	
Veterans' Services	<u>\$220,655.00</u>	<u>\$186,507.75</u>	<u>\$34,147.25</u>	
	\$743,398.10	\$658,444.05	\$84,954.05	\$0.00
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
Clapp Memorial Library	\$378,009.00	\$373,606.49	\$4,402.51	
Recreation Department	\$234,330.00	\$230,994.47	\$3,335.53	
Recreation - Pool	\$39,551.72	\$38,742.34	\$809.38	
Teen Center Operating	\$34,025.00	\$31,136.22	\$2,888.78	
Town Beach	\$2,200.00	\$2,199.89	\$0.11	
Family Center	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Historical Commission	\$500.00	\$158.72	\$341.28	
Historic District	\$348.00	\$344.60	\$3.40	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$692,263.72	\$680,182.73	\$12,080.99	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY10
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Unclassified	\$53,225.00	\$49,043.39	\$4,181.61	\$381.15
Council of Governments	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
Pensions	\$1,547,585.00	\$1,547,585.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Unemployment	\$37,951.00	\$26,166.97	\$11,784.03	
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$924,100.00	\$919,538.45	\$4,561.55	
Group Life-Town Share	\$4,400.00	\$3,245.12	\$1,154.88	
Medicare-Town Share	\$78,500.00	\$78,177.05	\$322.95	
General Insurance	\$274,259.00	\$245,608.79	\$28,650.21	
Cold Spring Schools Ventilators	\$118,531.12	\$2,200.00	\$116,331.12	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	<u>\$11.56</u>	<u>\$11.56</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$3,051,062.68	\$2,881,576.33	\$169,486.35	\$381.15

DEBT & INTEREST

Maturing Debt	\$2,383,876.00	\$2,380,000.00	\$3,876.00	
Interest	<u>\$1,334,283.00</u>	<u>\$1,324,799.86</u>	<u>\$9,483.14</u>	
	\$3,718,159.00	\$3,704,799.86	\$13,359.14	\$0.00

ENCUMBERED FUNDS

General Government	\$23,212.50	\$22,285.50	\$927.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$61.34	\$61.34	\$0.00	
School Department	\$15,654.41	\$15,653.69	\$0.72	
Public Works	\$1,551.39	\$1,551.39	\$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	<u>\$62,086.36</u>	<u>\$60,989.90</u>	<u>\$1,096.46</u>	<u>\$1,080.00</u>
	\$102,656.00	\$100,631.82	\$2,024.18	\$1,080.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY10
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
General Government	\$1,542,207.20	\$1,478,642.73	\$63,564.47	\$8,542.10
Protection of Persons/Property	\$2,926,536.72	\$2,853,724.19	\$72,812.53	\$39.89
Education	\$23,601,994.00	\$23,594,760.21	\$7,233.79	\$0.00
Public Works	\$2,160,186.00	\$2,125,850.39	\$34,335.61	\$10.26
Human Services	\$743,398.10	\$658,444.05	\$84,954.05	\$0.00
Culture & Recreation	\$692,263.72	\$680,182.73	\$12,080.99	\$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$3,051,062.68	\$2,881,576.33	\$169,486.35	\$381.15
Debt & Interest	<u>\$3,718,159.00</u>	<u>\$3,704,799.86</u>	<u>\$13,359.14</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$38,435,807.42	\$37,977,980.49	\$457,826.93	\$8,973.40
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$102,656.00</u>	<u>\$100,631.82</u>	<u>\$2,024.18</u>	<u>\$1,080.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$38,538,463.42</u>	<u>\$38,078,612.31</u>	<u>\$459,851.11</u>	<u>\$10,053.40</u>

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State						
Revenues:										
Grants	115,828.00	390,251.65	2,430,881.73	775,321.41	235,097.66		199,787.00			4,147,167.45
Collections & Fees	181,511.38			36,061.00	651,179.74		155,326.72	1,334,861.31	233,622.55	2,592,562.70
Interest	20,058.12				577.28			414.98	3,171.40	24,221.78
Performance Guarantees									37,000.00	37,000.00
Gifts			1,610.00	350.00			9,370.87	175,623.46		186,954.33
Temporary Loans										0.00
Other								9,003.70	305,625.86	314,629.56
Total Revenues	317,397.50	390,251.65	2,432,491.73	811,732.41	886,854.68		164,697.59	1,719,690.45	579,419.81	7,302,535.82
Expenditures:										
General Government	183,987.52			15,430.00				112,694.87	46,618.70	358,731.09
Protection of Persons & Property			10,966.10	74,696.64				33,530.89	162,775.70	281,969.33
Education			2,178,117.76	268,375.38	887,784.22		179,244.47	897,359.74	309,374.69	4,720,256.26
Department of Public Works		680,881.97		0.00				95,484.42	13,050.00	789,416.39
Human Services			149,243.69	49,736.96				27,165.25	43.00	226,188.90
Culture & Recreation				23,207.86				278,187.57		301,395.43
Debt & Interest				300,000.00						300,000.00
Total Expenditures	183,987.52	680,881.97	2,338,327.55	731,446.84	887,784.22		179,244.47	1,444,422.74	531,862.09	6,977,957.40
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	133,409.98	(290,630.32)	94,164.18	80,285.57	(929.54)		(14,546.88)	275,267.71	47,557.72	324,578.42
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Operating Transfers In										0.00
Operating Transfers Out								402,000.00		402,000.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	(402,000.00)	0.00	(402,000.00)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	CPA	Highways	Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	133,409.98	(290,630.32)	94,164.18	80,285.57	(929.54)	(14,546.88)	(126,732.29)	47,557.72	-77,421.58
Audit Adjustments			0.05				0.09	(246.25)	(246.11)
Balance 7-1-08	<u>484,928.90</u>	<u>(56,214.23)</u>	<u>(67,619.79)</u>	<u>148,222.19</u>	<u>17,059.25</u>	<u>113,129.68</u>	<u>1,216,297.62</u>	<u>217,870.99</u>	<u>2,073,674.61</u>
Balance 6-30-09	<u>618,338.88</u>	<u>(346,844.55)</u>	<u>26,544.44</u>	<u>228,507.76</u>	<u>16,129.71</u>	<u>98,582.80</u>	<u>1,089,565.42</u>	<u>265,182.46</u>	<u>1,996,006.92</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	FY08 Capital	WWTP & Other Sewer	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
MWPAT			889,359.41	\$889,359.41
USDA Grant				\$0.00
USDA Loan				\$0.00
Temporary Loans			185,000.00	\$185,000.00
Bond Proceeds				<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,074,359.41	\$1,074,359.41
Expenditures:				
Construction		\$650,551.78	\$976,564.42	\$1,627,116.20
Equipment				\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds				\$0.00
Temporary Loans			<u>\$220,000.00</u>	<u>\$220,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$650,551.78</u>	<u>\$1,196,564.42</u>	<u>\$1,847,116.20</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	(\$650,551.78)	(\$122,205.01)	(\$772,756.79)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In			\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Operation Transfers Out		<u>(\$118,781.12)</u>		<u>(\$118,781.12)</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$118,781.12)</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>	<u>(\$83,781.12)</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	\$0.00	(\$769,332.90)	(\$87,205.01)	(\$856,537.91)
Fund Balance 7-1-08	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$769,332.90</u>	<u>\$122,428.65</u>	<u>\$902,282.21</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-09	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$35,223.64</u>	<u>\$45,744.30</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,064,056.00	1,133,063.15	69,007.15
Sewer Assessments	200,000.00	289,807.42	89,807.42
Sewer Connections	15,000.00	12,568.00	(2,432.00)
Interest	0.00	4,843.01	4,843.01
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,279,056.00	1,440,361.58	161,305.58
Expenditures:			
Environmental	724,304.00	695,059.98	29,244.02
Debt & Interest	886,247.00	851,235.30	35,011.70
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>10.30</u>	<u>10.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,610,561.30	1,546,305.58	64,255.72
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(105,944.00)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	188,888.00	188,888.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(35,000.00)</u>	35,000.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>188,888.00</u>	<u>153,888.00</u>	<u>(35,000.00)</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		47,944.00	
Fund Balance 7/1/08		<u>209,858.38</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/09		<u>257,802.38</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	294,400.00	260,653.75	(33,746.25)
Sale of Recycling	5,400.00	<u>3,529.63</u>	<u>(1,870.37)</u>
Total Revenue	299,800.00	264,183.38	(35,616.62)
Expenditures:			
Environmental	326,847.00	286,913.08	39,933.92
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	326,847.00	286,913.08	39,933.92
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(22,729.70)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>(22,729.70)</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/08		<u>105,325.13</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/09		<u>82,595.43</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Balance 7/1/2008	Additions	Balance 6/30/2009
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	512,860.69 10,000.00		512,860.69 10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	2,000.00 6,000.00		2,000.00 6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions Retirement Trust	10,000.00 72,933.60		10,000.00 72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care Susan M. D. Bridgman Nellie E. Brown Willard Stebbins Vianna E. Somes	131,287.14 200.00 1,000.00 1,500.00 300.00	4,950.00	136,237.14 200.00 1,000.00 1,500.00 300.00
	<u>754,181.43</u>	<u>4,950.00</u>	<u>759,131.43</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2009

	Balance 7/1/2008	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2009
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$188,754.89 \$45,694.87		\$18,193.40 \$1,745.22	\$18,768.24			\$188,180.05 \$47,440.09	\$188,180.05 \$47,440.09
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$4,586.81 \$13,544.87 \$0.00		\$207.33 \$611.42 \$915.70				\$4,794.14 \$14,156.29 \$100,915.70	\$4,794.14 \$14,156.29 \$100,915.70
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$1,547.88		\$173.00				\$1,720.88	\$1,720.88
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$3,359.02		\$170.46				\$3,529.48	\$3,529.48
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$68,528.42	\$1,445.00	\$2,168.98				\$72,142.40	\$72,142.40
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care Susan M.D. Bridgman Nellie E. Brown Willard Stebbins Vianna E. Somes E. Schmidt Memorial	\$17,377.47 \$1,299.51 \$2,792.22 \$2,010.09 \$2,386.71 \$0.00		\$5,484.34 \$47.64 \$115.61 \$109.92 \$86.27 \$0.00	\$927.06 \$214.53			\$21,934.75 \$1,347.15 \$2,693.30 \$2,120.01 \$2,472.98 \$0.00	\$21,934.75 \$1,347.15 \$2,693.30 \$2,120.01 \$2,472.98 \$0.00
Penson Fund	\$18,832.41		\$590.23				\$19,422.64	\$19,422.64
Retirement Trust	\$9,563.70		\$3,545.12				\$13,108.82	\$13,108.82
Conservation Fund	\$790.31		\$22.71				\$813.02	\$813.02
Stabilization Fund	\$1,049,455.25		\$37,183.42				\$1,086,638.67	\$1,086,638.67
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$106,176.33		\$5,903.64				\$112,079.97	\$112,079.97
	<u>\$1,536,700.76</u>	<u>\$102,347.38</u>	<u>\$77,274.41</u>	<u>\$20,812.21</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,695,510.34</u>	<u>\$1,695,510.34</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2009

	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	3,307,102.88	1,772,766.71	5,079,869.59
2011	3,340,970.72	1,639,724.67	4,980,695.39
2012	3,377,151.06	1,479,665.60	4,856,816.66
2013	3,180,406.26	1,593,003.12	4,773,409.38
2014	3,472,630.31	1,220,463.23	4,693,093.54
2015	3,504,776.35	1,053,699.80	4,558,476.15
2016	2,876,451.90	885,592.87	3,762,044.77
2017	2,898,527.17	753,212.63	3,651,739.80
2018	2,930,768.71	597,570.00	3,528,338.71
2019	2,946,211.98	465,633.63	3,411,845.61
2020	2,355,821.52	342,024.05	2,697,845.57
2021	2,132,613.70	236,081.55	2,368,695.25
2022	2,135,349.56	137,595.66	2,272,945.22
2023	512,134.83	37,574.13	549,708.96
2024	518,957.10	15,106.79	534,063.89
2025	139,408.00	11,180.42	150,588.42
2026	129,376.00	7,427.58	136,803.58
2027	126,384.00	4,144.98	130,528.98
2028	103,432.00	1,034.32	104,466.32
	<u>39,988,474.05</u>	<u>12,253,501.74</u>	<u>52,241,975.79</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2009

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2008	Reduced FY2009	Outstanding 6/30/2008	Due In FY2010
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	185,000.00	35,000.00	150,000.00	30,000.00
		*reissued in '08				
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	3,920,000.00	480,000.00	3,440,000.00	510,000.00
		*reissued in '08				
High School	2002	4.50	22,630,000.00	1,620,000.00	21,010,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	550,000.00	50,000.00	500,000.00	50,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	710,000.00	65,000.00	645,000.00	65,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	5,165,500.00	427,800.00	4,737,700.00	438,900.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	338,476.00	23,931.00	314,545.00	24,545.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	402,844.00	28,555.00	374,289.00	29,289.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	852,409.00	60,434.00	791,975.00	61,975.00
USDA Pine Valley	2003	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,577,991.00	78,285.00	1,499,706.00	79,643.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	3,306,379.52	163,867.80	3,142,511.72	166,714.71
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	350,000.00	30,000.00	320,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,719,514.00	68,179.00	1,651,335.00	72,161.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	50,287.50	3,875.17	46,412.33	3,875.17
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008		355,000.00	30,000.00	325,000.00	30,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008		<u>1,090,000.00</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>85,000.00</u>
			<u>43,253,401.02</u>	<u>3,264,926.97</u>	<u>39,988,474.05</u>	<u>3,307,102.88</u>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2008	\$	9,133,437.16	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$	56,716,491.31				
RECEIPTS	\$	56,093,794.14	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2009	\$	8,510,739.99				
	\$	65,227,231.30		\$	65,227,231.30				
INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND	\$			\$	120,007.03				
ACCOUNT									
SCHOOL FUNDS									
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	\$	19,544.87		\$	611.42				20,156.29
GEORGE LONGLEY	\$	6,586.81		\$	207.33				6,794.14
CEMETERY FUNDS									
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$	1,499.51		\$	47.64				1,547.15
WILLARD STEBBINS	\$	3,510.09		\$	109.92				3,620.01
VIANNA SOMES	\$	2,686.71		\$	86.27				2,772.98
NELLIE BROWN	\$	3,792.22		\$	115.61		(214.53)		3,693.30
PERPETUAL CARE	\$	148,664.61		\$	5,484.34				159,098.95
∞ FUNDS									
4 BRIDGMAN	\$	702,305.56		\$	18,593.40		(19,858.24)		701,040.74
WHITING STREET	\$	55,694.87		\$	1,745.22				57,440.09
MISC FUNDS									
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	\$	5,459.02		\$	170.46				5,629.48
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	\$	5,547.88		\$	173.00				5,720.88
CONSERVATION	\$	790.31		\$	22.71				813.02
SENIOR CENTER	\$	68,528.42		\$	2,168.98				72,142.40
PENSION RESERVE	\$	28,832.41		\$	590.23				29,422.64
STABILIZATION FUND	\$	1,049,455.25		\$	37,183.42				1,086,638.67
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	\$	106,176.33		\$	5,903.64				112,079.97
TOTALS	\$	2,209,074.89		\$	73,213.59		(20,072.77)		2,268,610.71

JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

NOTE & PURPOSE	FUNDS BORROWED DURING	THE PERIOD	JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009	INTEREST RATE
	FROM	DATED		
#977 SEWER CONSTR- JACKSON/HOWARD ST	BANK WESTERN MASS	5/29/2009	\$	2.14%
INTERIM LOAN- SEWER CONSTR-HOWARD ST	MASS WATER POLL ABTMTNT TR	6/1/2009	\$	0.33%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
LISA M BANNER, TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2008 - 6/30/2009

PRIOR YEARS REAL ESTATE				CPA 2008			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	12,947.74	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	2,693.92
ABATED	\$	-		REFUND		\$	612.70
COLLECTED	\$	-		TO TAX TITLE	\$	269.13	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	12,947.74		COLLECTED	\$	3,016.47	
	\$	12,947.74	\$ 12,947.74	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	21.02	
					\$	3,306.62	\$ 3,306.62
FISCAL 2006 REAL ESTATE				CPA 2009			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	1,041.02	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	87,157.85
COLLECTED	\$	1,041.02		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	94,983.87
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-		REFUND		\$	75.87
	\$	1,041.02	\$ 1,041.02	ABATED	\$	1,337.32	
				TO TAX TITLE	\$	682.67	
FISCAL 2007 REAL ESTATE				COLLECTED	\$	177,297.51	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	19,516.89	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	2,900.09	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	4,833.45			\$	182,217.59	\$ 182,217.59
COLLECTED	\$	14,683.44					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-		CPA 2010			
	\$	19,516.89	\$ 19,516.89	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	92,406.53
				COLLECTED	\$	988.11	
FISCAL 2008 REAL ESTATE				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	91,418.42	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	372,449.45		\$	92,406.53	\$ 92,406.53
TO TAX TITLE	\$	58,260.09		PRIOR YEARS PERS. PROP			
COLLECTED	\$	290,469.73		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	2,952.59
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	23,719.63		COLLECTED	\$	273.07	
	\$	372,449.45	\$ 372,449.45	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	2,679.52	
					\$	2,952.59	\$ 2,952.59
REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2008				FISCAL 2006 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	33,580.74	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	337.13
COLLECTED	\$	33,580.74		COLLECTED	\$	21.08	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	316.05	
	\$	33,580.74	\$ 33,580.74		\$	337.13	\$ 337.13
FISCAL 2009 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	9,313,983.87	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	434.38
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	10,138,943.94	COLLECTED	\$	136.27	
REFUND		\$	53,545.04	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	298.11	
ABATED	\$	74,933.42			\$	434.38	\$ 434.38
TO TAX TITLE	\$	117,913.55		FISCAL 2008 PERS PROP			
COLLECTED	\$	18,904,220.38		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	5,356.26
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	409,405.50		COLLECTED	\$	4,596.64	
	\$	19,506,472.85	\$ 19,506,472.85	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	759.62	
					\$	5,356.26	\$ 5,356.26
FISCAL 2010 REAL ESTATE				FISCAL 2009 PERS PROP			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	9,799,452.75	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	169,912.09
COLLECTED	\$	53,789.98		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	184,753.57
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	9,745,662.77		REFUNDED		\$	2,633.65
	\$	9,799,452.75	\$ 9,799,452.75	ABATED	\$	1,046.99	
				COLLECTED	\$	343,858.19	
REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2009				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	12,394.13	
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	34,125.81		\$	357,299.31	\$ 357,299.31
COLLECTED	\$	31,694.89		FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	2,430.92		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	180,909.10
	\$	34,125.81	\$ 34,125.81	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	180,909.10	\$ 180,909.10
					\$	180,909.10	\$ 180,909.10
CPA 2007							
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	106.85				
TO TAX TITLE	\$	21.19					
COLLECTED	\$	85.66					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-					
	\$	106.85	\$ 106.85				

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OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	3,755.28	2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
REFUNDED		\$	117.00	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	202,520.49
ABATED	\$	184.25		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	172,850.83
COLLECTED	\$	1,172.95		REFUNDED		\$	11,859.14
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	2,515.08		ABATED	\$	21,046.67	
	\$	3,872.28	\$	COLLECTED	\$	337,474.80	
			3,872.28	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	28,708.99	
					\$	387,230.46	\$
2008 SEWER LIENS							387,230.46
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	7,175.26	2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC			
TO TAX TITLE	\$	445.79		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,329,774.48
COLLECTED	\$	6,724.54		REFUNDED		\$	8,968.27
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	4.93		ABATED	\$	45,978.49	
	\$	7,175.26	\$	COLLECTED	\$	1,196,794.14	
			7,175.26	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	95,970.12	
					\$	1,338,742.75	\$
2009 SEWER LIENS							1,338,742.75
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	43,657.43	2008 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
TO TAX TITLE	\$	32.93		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	210.00
COLLECTED	\$	34,469.66		COLLECTED	\$	210.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	9,154.84		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-	
	\$	43,657.43	\$		\$	210.00	\$
			43,657.43				210.00
2008 SEWER CHARGES				2009 DAIGLE WELL BETT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	274,635.54	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	9,293.21
TO SEWER LIEN	\$	39,890.52		TO TAX TITLE	\$	35.49	
COLLECTED	\$	234,745.02		COLLECTED	\$	8,926.04	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	331.68	
	\$	274,635.54	\$		\$	9,293.21	\$
			274,635.54				9,293.21
2009 SEWER CHARGES				TITLE V 2009			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,069,641.01	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	4,758.39
REFUND		\$	3.42	COLLECTED	\$	4,758.39	
COLLECTED	\$	857,127.35		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	212,517.08			\$	4,758.39	\$
	\$	1,069,644.43	\$				4,758.39
			1,069,644.43				
PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				2007 TRILAKES BETT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	25,210.53	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	0.87
REFUND		\$	408.88	COLLECTED	\$	0.87	
ABATED	\$	266.67		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-	
COLLECTED	\$	3,224.60			\$	0.87	\$
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	22,128.14					0.87
	\$	25,619.41	\$	2008 TRILAKES BETT			
			25,619.41	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	6,670.02
2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				COLLECTED	\$	6,670.02	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	13,724.87	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-	
REFUNDED		\$	632.80		\$	6,670.02	\$
ABATED	\$	780.51					6,670.02
COLLECTED	\$	5,082.86		2009 TRILAKES BETT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	8,494.30		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	210,541.55
	\$	14,357.67	\$	TO TAX TITLE	\$	2,130.30	
			14,357.67	COLLECTED	\$	199,925.16	
2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	8,486.09	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	33,009.60		\$	210,541.55	\$
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	2,962.93				210,541.55
REFUNDED		\$	375.42	TRILAKES ADV INTEREST			
ABATED	\$	1,503.34		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008		\$	-
COLLECTED	\$	22,543.36		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	351.76
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	12,301.25		ABATED	\$	18.64	
	\$	36,347.95	\$	COLLECTED	\$	333.12	
			36,347.95	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	-	
					\$	351.76	\$
							351.76

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REPORT
7/1/2008 - 6/30/2009

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	\$	3,112,179.22	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2008	\$	51,300.73
APPORTIONED FY09 RE			COMMITTED		
COLLECTED	\$195,296.25		COLLECTED	\$	25,533.43
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$2,834,037.97		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009	\$	51,300.73
	\$3,112,179.22	\$		\$76,834.16	\$
		3,112,179.22			76,834.16

COMSTAR

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2008	\$ 159,160.35
COMMITTED FOR COLL.	\$ 674,430.61
REFUNDED	\$ 1,388.14
ABATED	
COLLECTED	\$ 246,141.81
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2009	\$ 407,306.60
	\$ 181,530.69
	\$ 834,979.10
	\$ 834,979.10

JULY 1, 2008- JUNE 30, 2009

TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 23,011,207.77
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$ 407,306.60
TOTAL	\$ 23,418,514.37

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES	\$ 22,710,468.50
INTEREST/FEEES	\$ 118,290.27
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 358.51
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	\$ 182,090.49
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$ 407,306.60
TOTAL	\$ 23,418,514.37

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2008 Vital Statistics received after last year's annual report:

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Northampton		1
	Springfield	1	
<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Resident	Boston		1
	Worcester	1	

2009 VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Belchertown	1	1
	Holyoke	5	2
	Newton	1	
	Northampton	20	20
	Southbridge		1
	Springfield	27	26
	Ware	2	1
		56	51

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	56	63
Non-Resident	13	8

Married in Belchertown: 31

Married Out-of-Town: 39

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	41	32
Non-Resident		1

Place of Death:

Amherst	3	Norwood	1
Athol	3	Palmer	5
Belchertown	15	South Hadley	6
East Longmeadow	2	Springfield	14
Gardner	1	Ware	7
Hadley	1	Wilbraham	4
Holyoke	1	Worcester	1
Longmeadow	4	West Brookfield	1
Northampton	5		

ADA Committee



The American With Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2009 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department, Max Bock, Maintenance Department; Michael Krzystofik, School Department; Sally Dodge and Ruthella Tucker were town-appointed representatives. The Committee meets quarterly throughout the year or as necessary.

Agricultural Commission



Our theme for 2009 was education as we sponsored several workshops related to farming. The series kicked off in February with a lecture on Growing Apple Trees. It was so popular that we added more talks throughout the year. April's topic was Raising Chickens and in May we held two lectures on Growing Herbs and Gardening in Small Places. We purchased several books on these topics which can be viewed at the Clapp Memorial Library.

In early June member Hope Guardenier planted a Children's Garden at the Community Garden located at the New England Small Farm Institute on Jackson Street. It featured fun plants like popcorn and scarlet beans and an amazing morning glory arch.

At the Annual Town meeting held in May, the Agricultural Commission presented an updated Right to Farm Bylaw. Many towns have a Right to Farm bylaw which states that farming is a right within agricultural zones. Our bylaw also asks our Realtors to help publicize this by offering an educational brochure to prospective buyers. The Agricultural Commission is working on developing this flyer.

Several members attended Agricultural Commission conferences held throughout the State. These are great opportunities to meet with fellow farmers and be inspired by the projects that other towns have done. Again this year, we updated our Farm Brochure and Farm Stand Map.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Judith Gillan
Hope Guardenier
Alan Page
Daniel Beaudette, Associate Member
Susan Gay, Associate Member

Animal Control - 323-6880



Animal Control has had a busy 2009. We have taken in and either released to owner or adopted out approximately 120 dogs/cats. These are animals that have been found loose on town streets running at large or found injured. We have also made and/or gone out on almost the same number of calls to address issues ranging from barking dogs to dealing with conditions that animals are left outside in.

Please be reminded that the Town requires that all dog owners keep their dogs under control at all times for the purpose of protecting people and animals from injury, protecting property from damage and preventing dog-related nuisances. As a reminder "running at large" is to go beyond the boundaries of the owner's property unless the dog is in sight and under voice command and does not trespass on residential property. Dogs in the act of training, working, hunting or

guarding are excepted. Also, please be aware of the nuisance that a dog's bark can be to a neighbor when the barking is continuous. We ask that barking dogs be brought inside soon after they begin to bark.

All the officers in the Animal Control Department are now certified through a ten-week course they took in the fall of 2009 through the Animal Control Officers Association of Massachusetts. They were able to improve through education and training the skills, professionalism, knowledge of applicable laws, and personal safety to deal with both domestic and wildlife encountered in Belchertown.

Once again the community has also helped us out tremendously with their donations of blankets, towels and bedding that have made the lives of the animals in the pound a little more comfortable. We appreciate all the folks who have anonymously left food and other items in the locker in front of the Pound. We are also thankful for the donations that have gone into the Animal Control Gift Fund. These have made it easier to pay for unexpected items that have arisen.

We would especially like to give thanks to both the Comeau family and Stop and Shop for the wonderful fundraiser the Comeaus did at Stop and Shop earlier in the year that supplied us with 3 trunks full of food and cleaning supplies for the Pound. Also, thank you to Mr. George Taylor of Quabbin Quality Pet Supplies. Mr. Taylor decided to close his store down and allowed us at the Pound to come in and clear his shelves of approximately \$1500.00 worth of dog and cat food, and kitty litter. This came right before Christmas when we were running short on pet food. We would also like to thank Amy Clegg of Amy's Animals for her generous donation of time and services in the grooming of some of our pound animals. These animals come to us so matted from being outdoors that they have abrasions on their skin and Amy does whatever is needed to make them comfortable.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton
Animal Control Officer

250th Anniversary Committee



The Board of Selectmen appointed some 15 citizens to the Anniversary Committee in early August, 2009. Some two weeks later the Committee held its first meeting in which a multitude of possible projects were suggested and discussed. After lengthy discussion at this and three subsequent meetings, the Committee decided on an anniversary celebration that would stretch over nine months, beginning on New Years Eve, 2010-2011, and concluding with a sensational celebration at the Belchertown Fair in late September, 2011.

At this writing (January, 2010), some of the ideas that are being considered include several historical dramas portraying some of Belchertown's history (one drama on the visit of Lafayette to Belchertown is planned.). The Committee is hoping to arrange for concerts, musical programs, car shows, and a parade of carriages, a Fireman's muster, and numerous walking tours. In February, a grand George Washington Ball is planned. On July 2nd, (the date of our incorporation is June 20th), there is a giant picnic planned on the Common with events that will stretch on through the July 4th weekend culminating with a giant fireworks display.

There will be souvenir merchandise sold throughout the year. A raffle is planned. The Churches, fraternal groups and local clubs will be encouraged to sponsor and arrange events open to the public. The Cultural Council and the Stone House Museum personnel will be arranging their contribution to this great celebration. It is hoped that all town organizations, as well as the Belchertown Schools, will take part in this year long gala affair.

The year 2011 is expected to be a year in which all of Western Massachusetts will come to know Belchertown, appreciate its culture and its contribution to the Massachusetts community. It is hoped that all will come to love this town named after a man who had been the Governor of Massachusetts, Governor of New Hampshire, Governor of New Jersey, and one of the founders of what became Princeton College --- Jonathan Belcher.

This committee appeals to anyone who feels that they would like to be part of the planning of this nine month celebration to join us in our endeavors. The Committee is open to any suggestions or offers that would make this 250th anniversary celebration a year to remember for the years to come. Any help that is offered will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

The 250th Anniversary Committee

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2009 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

At the Town Election in May 2009, William Huber was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Thomas Barry and Sam Joyal remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budget outlooks remain bleak, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing the FY09 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	1,421,340,807
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$44,320,348
Estimated Receipts/Revenue sources	\$24,478,430
Tax Levy	\$19,841,917
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$19,856,014
FY09 New Growth	\$485,689
FY09 Tax Rate	\$13.96

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon timely filed chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational and forestry uses.

At the Annual Town Meeting, the Assessors recommended that the citizens adopt Clause 3 of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 and increase the Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) real estate exemption from 200,000 to 400,000. This recommendation passed and took effect beginning in fiscal year 2009

The Assessors conducted a revaluation of all real estate and personal property for fiscal 2009. With market conditions in Belchertown remaining stable, there was relatively little change to the overall market values and assessments in town. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being assessed fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

William Huber, Chairman

Samuel Joyal

Thomas Barry

Belchertown Community Television



The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 19, and 20 (Channel 20 is dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

This year BCTV has been fortunate to rebroadcast the DVD's that Mike Seward, Publisher of Belchertown-News.com, has made available to us. Mr. Seward covers most meetings, records them and uses snippets on his web based newspaper (available on line at www.Belchertown-News.com). He has offered his copy of the full meeting to BCTV for rebroadcast. Mindy Slonka, Volunteer Coordinator for the Belchertown School System, is coordinating the taping of school functions with volunteers. BCTV purchased two camera kits for Belchertown School use with the understanding that shows taped would be made available to BCTV for broadcast. This arrangement, while new, seems to be working very well. The school functions are being recorded and parents who work during the day can see the event through the BCTV broadcast. The Black Moon, a local jazz club, offered BCTV the opportunity to tape shows presented at the club. BCTV volunteer Cristen DeTour agreed to tape the shows; this arrangement has been working since August 2009 and has afforded us a new venue in town to showcase as well as presenting live, local jazz musicians to our audience.

Keith Bettencourt, another BCTV volunteer, asked why we did not program shows in the morning. The answer was no one had volunteered to program them. Keith then volunteered to do that and we now run shows in the AM and PM – doubling our broadcast hours.

BCTV is offering two new shows this year to our audience. Keith Bettencourt is producing and editing a series on the businesses in town called Belchertown WORKS!. Peg Louraine is producing a sister show called Buying IT Locally. The idea being that there are products and services available in town and we should support those businesses.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run entirely by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Selectmen
- Planning Board
- School Committee
- EDIC
- Board of Health
- The Annual Town Meeting
- Special Town Meetings
- (Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
- (Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Wrestling Matches, Volleyball, Chess...)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- Belchertown Sting Rays Swim Team
- Belchertown WORKS!
- Black Moon Project
- Buy IT Locally
- Citizen's Police Academy, courtesy of Mike Seward, publisher of Belchertown-News.com
- Conversations with Gangagi
- Don Odell's House of Blues
- (Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- Grace Community
- Belchertown United Church of Christ
- Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals:

Last year's goals were to increase our pool of volunteers and train them to operate independently. BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use, such as audio mixing.

This year at the 152nd Belchertown Fair, we gave cameras to our volunteers and said – go tape whatever interests you. The experiment worked.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who manages all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, and her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden the user with information continue to meet high standards for our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has been an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Mindy and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers: BCTV runs on volunteer power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Rev. Bruce Arbour
Mary Ann Brennen
Keith Bettencourt
Cara DeTour
Janis Gush
Shawn Lindholm

Michael Austin
Pat Barry
Louise Christ
Terry Fontaine
Audrey LePage
Shannon Materka

Joe Boivin
Savannah Beck
Cristin DeTour
Ray Fontaine
Norm Loftus
Ron Pobieglo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Managers, BCTV



Clapp Memorial Library

The Clapp Memorial Library (CML) MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION came to \$378,009 which represents 0.88% of the total FY2009 Belchertown Municipal Budget (\$42,609,359). This compares to a state-wide average of 1.24%.

On a per-capita basis, it cost \$26.81 to support the programs and services of the CML. The average Belchertown household (2.61 members) paid \$69.98 (\$5.84 per month) to support the CML in FY2009.

Of the 14,103 persons calling Belchertown their home 8,389 (59.4%) are REGISTERED CML SMARTEST CARD (CMLSC) holders. Of that number over 2,500 were children in grades K through 6. These figures do not include the substantial numbers of pre-school children who do not yet have their own CMLSC.

Those CMLSC holders accounted for 120,731 LIBRARY VISITS, (2,322 per week) for a per-capita average of 8.6.

The CML HOURS OF OPERATION enabled us to serve the Belchertown community for 47 hours each week, including 8 evening hours and 4 Saturday hours. The CML was available to serve Belchertown's school children for 22 hours each week after the close of Belchertown School Libraries at 3:00 p.m.

TOTAL CIRCULATION of books, DVDs, audio CDs, etc. reached 113,109 for a per-capita borrowing average of 8 items. For those who could not visit the CML themselves, CML staff made weekly deliveries to their homes.

The *average cost of an adult hardcover book was \$26.43, while the average for a children's hardcover book was \$21.19. If you chose to borrow those eight items from the CML rather than purchasing them yourself you would have saved \$211.44 or \$169.52 respectively. *School Library Journal, March 1, 2008.

The CML COLLECTION of books, DVDs, audio CDs, etc. is quite small with but 26,040 items. Of the 366 Massachusetts public libraries 359 have collections larger than that of the CML. Of the 54 Group D libraries serving populations of between 10,000 and 14,999 the CML collection is the smallest in that group. There is simply no room in the CML to grow the collection. Consequently, the CML spent only \$4.53 per capital for books, DVDs, etc. while the state-wide average was \$7.43.

Despite its lack of volume(s), however, the CML collection is a locally responsive and quite popular collection. On average, each of those 26,040 items was borrowed 4.4 times in FY2009.

The CML is a full member of the CENTRAL/WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS AUTOMATED RESOURCE SHARING LIBRARY CONSORTIUM (C/W MARS). CMLSC holders can select from over six million items held by the 140+ participating C/W MARS libraries. Your CMLSC also gives you full access to the programs and services of any C/W MARS library.

CMLSC holders borrowed a record 19,755 INTER-LIBRARY LOAN items from other C/W MARS libraries, while lending 11,296 items to other libraries.

Through the CML INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES NETWORK (ITN) CMLSC holders have free, 24/7 convenient access to a multitude of current, and topical online research resources including web sites covering business, education, the arts, government health and medicine, science and technology, literature, and thousands more. While in the Library patrons used the ITN over 4,300 times, averaging 83 each week. The CML web page (www.clapplibrary.org) was visited more than 47,000 times.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS (YA) are among our most important and enjoyable CML responsibilities. The resources available at the CML are extremely valuable to all of Belchertown's students. For decades the CML has served as the school library for the students in Cold Spring School. We continued that tradition with the CML ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY VISIT PROGRAM serving 2,415 kindergarteners during their 115 class visits to the CML.

The FY2009 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING schedule was as full and popular as ever welcoming 8,628 participants in 348 programs. In addition more than 500 young readers participated in the summer reading program entitled "Star Ship Adventure at Your Library".

In FY2009 1,398 library patrons attended 116 GENERAL ADULT PROGRAMS.

CML PERSONNEL remained unchanged with 4 full-time staff (Director, 3 Department Heads) with a combined 67 years of service to the Belchertown community, 2 part-time Library technicians, 2 part-time pages and 1 part-time custodial.

CML VOLUNTEERS gave the Library over 600 hours last year saving the Belchertown taxpayer approximately \$8,500.00.

At the close of FY2009 the CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT CML remained on the waiting list for a \$3.3 million dollar Public Library Construction Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Library and its many project volunteers continued to work diligently on all aspects of this important project.

On June 20, 2008 the Library experienced a CEILING FAILURE. Subsequently, the Main Patron Service Floor of the CML was closed for repairs, and did not re-open until October 1, 2008. Nonetheless, the Library remained open, operating out of the Children's Activity Room on the lower level, providing a much restricted array of programs and services.

On behalf of all those who have had the pleasure of serving you at the CML last year please accept my sincere appreciation for your continued kindness and support. Please visit us often – you will be most pleasantly surprised with all that the Clapp Memorial Library has to offer.

Respectfully,

Owen Maloney
Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

Now in its successful fourth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation in May 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing (for a total of 30%). The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories plus Recreation.

Under the CPA, the state matches funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge that averages approximately \$35 per household for the year. Primarily because of declining revenues, this year the state provided a 34.8 % match rather than a 100% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2009 was \$181,499 and the state match was \$63,189. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown usually multiply the town's own contributions.

The 2009 Annual Town Meeting approved CPA projects expected to cost approximately \$382,592. However because of other cost shares, these projects only required an appropriation of \$164,788 in CPA funding.

Projects funded by the 2009 Town Meeting included:

- Historic Lake Vale Cemetery – fencing and protection
- Historic Mt. Hope Cemetery – preservation and protection
- Lake Wallace and Foley Field – land acquisition
- Foley Field – rehabilitation of playing fields
- Historic Dam at Scarborough Brook Conservation – inspection and preservation
- Historical Town Documents and Artifacts – preservation
- Stone House Museum – rehabilitation and preservation
- Historic Washington District Schoolhouse – acquiring, preserving and moving
- Belchertown Land Trust – creating and protecting a recreation path
- Belchertown Land Trust – inspection and preservation of historic Swift River Dam
- Historic Bridgman House on Park Place – preservation and restoration

At the Town Meeting, CPA funds in the sum of \$11,760 were also allocated for administrative expenses in FY2010. In addition, \$23,521 from FY 2010 CPA funds was allocated to each of the three categories: Open Space, Historic Preservation and Community Housing.

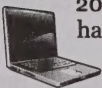
As determined at the 2008 Town Meeting, the CPC also contracted with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for a Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan that was completed in the summer of 2009 and presented to the Board of Selectman in December 2009.

The Community Preservation Committee is committed to open processes that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

Edwina Cruise, Chairwoman
Cliff McCarthy, Vice Chair
Betsy Loughran, Secretary
Jim Gambaro
Megan Manitsas
Jim Natle
Leslie Squires
Linda Leduc
Debbie Whitney

Computing Department



2009 has been a challenging year for the Computing Department. Our primary focus has been on supporting other town departments and the School District. We have worked with several departments to find solutions to problems that have resulted in saving significant amount of money.

We have worked towards maximizing efficiency and minimizing costs. To this end we have continued our implementation of virtualization technologies and other ways to make technology work for the town and school district.

Planning has begun on the utilization of grant monies to allow us to provide a robust computing environment for students in order to provide them with skills that will be applicable in their future endeavors.

In these tough economic times we continue to look closely at how technology can benefit municipal and school operations and create efficiencies that save time and money while providing a better experience for those who use these services.

Thank you,

Kevin J. Hannon
MIS Director

Conservation Commission



The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 4 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 20 of these were Requests for Determination, 12 were Notices of Intent, eight were for permit extensions, and one for an amended Order of Conditions. The Commission issued one Emergency Certificate for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

Starting in July of this year, the Conservation Commission administrator, under the guidance of the conservation commission, was assigned as the Stormwater Authority for the town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2009, there were 23 applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. The Conservation Commission is currently working on revising and updating these regulations.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission has also been working with the new owners of the Cold Spring Golf course to assist the new owners with the projects resurrection. The anticipated opening is estimated around Spring, 2011. The Commission co-sponsored an earth day celebration, April 22, 2009 at the Piper Farm property. A bench was placed in honor of Bruce Smith, one of the Belchertown Land Trust founding fathers and a nature walk was held showcasing the newly established trail loop. The approximate 69-acre Piper Farm Area has interconnecting trails that meander through woodlands with several streams and pockets of wetland areas. There are numerous invasive plants on this property and discussion will be held on how to eliminate them or keep them under control.

L. Connolly, Conservation Administrator was appointed on 6/30/09 to the National Scenic Trail (Metacomet- Monadnock - Mattabesset Trail) committee. The New England National Scenic Trail passes through 17 communities in Western Massachusetts, crossing private lands in some sections through a variety of agreements with landowners. Under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, and the National Trail Committee, trail protection, re-routing and maintenance efforts will begin. The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private, public organizations and individuals. The Topping Farm Conservation Area fields were mowed, new signage was

erected and the parking areas were improved. The Scarborough Brook Conservation Area fields were also mowed and the Friends of Scarborough Brook, working with the Conservation Commission, have hired Charlie Eiseman, botanist for Natural Heritage Endangered Species program, to evaluate the vegetative cover on this property and to develop a management plan for the protection of endangered plants. The Colds Springs Conservation area has been upgraded to include new signage, trail blazing, a new trail map and tree identification markers. This work was done as part of an Eagle Scout project by Andre Dufresne, working with Boy Scout Troop 507.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2010-2011 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect and maintain valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Linda LeDuc, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
Larry Therrien, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Associate Commissioner
and
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

Council on Aging/Senior Center



The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include David Small, Chairperson, Pat Kleeberg, Vice Chair, Esther Pierce, Tom Soja, Elaine Hitchcock, Sandy Farron, Irene Clark and Erin Lamoureux. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach efforts and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage options, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the state's Prescription Advantage program have added a heavy additional demand on this department. We are one of the few

Centers in the state to have two staff members trained as SHINE insurance counselors. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue for our seniors. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTa is still a pressing matter. During the past year we worked closely with the Board of Selectmen and PVTa to maintain the Belchertown shuttle route to Ware. During FY09, our handicapped accessible vans transported 116 different seniors on over 7000 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center submitted a successful mobility assistance grant to obtain a new 14-passenger vehicle costing \$58,000 from the Executive Office of Transportation. This vehicle will be put into service in January of 2010 at no cost to the town. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. Recently the Council received a bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1500 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY09 period, 300 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 9,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 20,000 meals to 132 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Frozen weekend meals are also available. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Nineteen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 09.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. We have had several community collection drives, which help support this effort.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, Red Hatters group, WII bowling and other virtual exercise classes, and three different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered daily and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class and Yoga continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We offer massages, which are provided at a fee by trained professionals. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

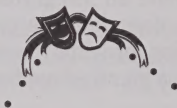
We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. We have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers. The parishioners of Saint Francis' church once again donated gifts to be distributed to our seniors during the holidays. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over eighty citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY09. Over 14,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of \$120,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.



Cultural Council

The Belchertown Cultural Council brought to town in the past year artistic and cultural programs across several age groups, addressing the preferences indicated by the Council's most recent survey of interests.

A Council priority in the recent past has been to work with other Belchertown committees to enhance the work of all involved. With funds from the Commonwealth this past year, the Cultural Council was able to assist in funding programs at the Senior Center, Clapp Memorial Library and in our schools. Grants from the Council helped fund a wildlife program suggested by the Belchertown Land Trust, brought a Frisbee expert to families shopping at the Farmers' Market, and to the Small Farms Institute brought an exhibit of paintings of local farmers. The Council is working on helping these programs be publicized well enough to keep the public aware of what is available in town.

Sadly, the struggling economy caused the closing of the Amherst Community Arts Center this year. The program that Center had planned for our kindergartens, which had been promised partial funding from the Belchertown Cultural Council, was then cancelled. We hope to see those artists work in our schools again via another program.

For the 2010 cycle, our Council's awarded funds from the Commonwealth were reduced. We received 18 applications for funding in this new cycle, fewer than in the previous year. Working within our guidelines, the Council was able to fund or partially fund nine of those for programs in the coming year, again, with a variety of venues and artists.

The Council plans to work with the 250th Anniversary Committee to help commemorate this milestone in 2011.

We welcomed several new members to the Council this year, some new to the community and some longtime residents. Council members are: Daniel Green, Jennifer Whitehead, Matt Grillo, Linda Cunningham, Claudia Bermudez, Bruce Klockars, and Lew Holzman.

Sharon Marean, Chair
Cultural Council

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC)

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

In 2009 BEDIC worked hard with the Town Foley Field Commission and completed the transfer of 36 acres of fields and wetlands to the Town School Department for use as an educational area and for recreation.

On parcel B, the approved subdivision road off State Street has four (4) separate developments completed. The BEDIC continues to pursue an integrated development of the acreage, with or without a Master Developer. In that connection, discussions are ongoing with a Health and Wellness provider and an Assisted Living provider, two components of the previous project which would be capable of proceeding on a stand-alone basis.

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting approved Parcel B to be a designated a priority development site under Mass General Law 43D. The MGL 43D Agreement between the Town and the Commonwealth provides funding to improve the Town's geographic information system software, including a permit tracking feature; document wetlands; complete a site development assessment including infrastructure, study traffic and access; identify a preliminary list of permits needed; create up to two conceptual Master Plans and complete a market study to identify demand. Mass Development completed this work in the Summer of 2009 and a feasibility and market study was presented to BEDIC and the Town. This confirmed a mixed use approach with many of the same elements which BEDIC has been pursuing. BEDIC will continue to pursue this approach while still entertaining individual proposals for small parcels. BEDIC is in discussions with Mass Development to establish a working relationship which will facilitate potential draw-down of the State approved \$10,000,000.00 bond as well as other grants to be used to clean-up Parcel B.

The former Parcel E saw continued build out with new businesses opening and new jobs being created.

BEDIC has a draft development plan for Parcel D that includes six (6) potential development sites and setting aside land in the rear that abuts Town land for a future Belchertown Elementary School and playing fields. In addition, Parcel D has one (1) completed development.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Jonathan Spiegel
Juanita Holler, FAIA
Ken Dorey, Financial Secretary

Associate Director:

Rich Kump

Emergency Management

During 2009 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was reviewed along with emergency shelter locations with Red Cross officials along with our new superintendent of schools. Also the towns newly purchased CTY instant notification system was placed into service and utilized several times for general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the town's emergency plan, and participates in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.

Belchertown continues to stand ready with modern technology and training for many types of incidents including but not limited to natural or manmade disasters, weather related emergencies, and hazardous substances.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Emergency Management Director

Emergency Medical Services Department



The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services has had another busy year providing 24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown from our location at 9 East Walnut Street.

The EMS Department presently consists of 7 full time Paramedics and the per diem staff consists of 7 Paramedics. Two members staff our station 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days a year.

The Belchertown EMS Department covers EMS calls not only in Belchertown, but also occasionally is called on a mutual aid basis to the neighboring towns. In 2009 the two ambulances responded to over 1,400 calls. Approximately 76% of these calls were Advanced Life Support/Paramedic level calls.

It has been a very challenging year with the economy and level funding of the budgets to maintain the level of the service we have provided in previous years, but we at Belchertown EMS continue to be committed to providing the best Pre Hospital Paramedic Level care possible to the members of our community.

I would like to thank Gary Brougham, Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the citizens of Belchertown for the continued support and especially thank all the members of the EMS Department for their hard work and dedication throughout the year of 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
EMS Director

Energy Committee



The Belchertown Energy Committee was approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 21, 2009. The Committee met for the first time on May 27, 2009 and has been meeting regularly since May. The Energy Committee has been established for the purpose of developing and recommending sound energy policies for the Town. In addition to the town residents that have volunteered to serve on the Committee, both the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Director of the Schools Buildings and Grounds serve as default members of the Committee. The Town participated in a free energy audit program offered by the MA Department of Energy Resources. One of the first tasks of the Committee was to review the completed audits and host an informational meeting with the Professional Engineer that conducted the audits to discuss the findings and recommendations of the audits.

The Town was also participating in a second program to explore renewable energy options at various municipal buildings. A comprehensive feasibility study was conducted that analyzed the utilization of biomass to provide the heating needs of the High School, Chestnut Hill Community School and the Swift River Elementary School. The Energy Committee assisted the School Committee in the development of a public forum to deliver the outcome of the study to the town. At the conclusion of the public forum, the School Committee voted unanimously to take the information developed in the study and apply to the Commonwealth for funding to implement the project. A proposal was submitted but at this time, no awards have been made public. The Committee also decided to meet at various locations to get a first hand view of problematic energy issues in municipal buildings. As an example the Committee met at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and received a tour to better understand the energy intensity of the site and the numerous Energy Conservation Measures (ECM's) already undertaken by the Town. A following meeting was conducted at the Fire Station. This led to the Town issuing a Request for Proposals to install a solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the Station. A contractor has been chosen and the work will be completed in the spring of 2010. Funds for the project are from the State's set aside Clean Energy Choice Program and will not cost the town any money. The Committee also assisted in the development of a substantial proposal to the Commonwealth to undertake numerous ECM's within various town buildings. Grant awards have not been announced at this time.

The Committee hosted a public forum for home builders and interested citizens on the newly passed legislation that allows towns to adopt a more stringent building energy code than currently exists in the Commonwealth. This is referred to as a "Stretch Code." Adoption of the stretch code is one of the five criteria that a town must meet to become a "Green Community." The State will soon be providing large capital funding to assist "Green Communities" with renewable energy projects and ECM projects that will have a positive impact on the town's finances by reducing ongoing energy costs.

The Energy Committee is excited about continuing to work on projects throughout town and hopes to expand our efforts by providing public informational sessions on energy efficiency and energy choice options for homeowners and to develop programs on small scale renewable energy projects. The Committee will continue to work with the Board of Selectmen to move Belchertown to a "Green Community" and reap the financial benefits associated with this endeavor. We also need to thank Steve Williams, Bob Lachance, Gary Brougham and Jim Barry for their guidance and support and we would like to remind all citizens that we encourage additional members to the Energy Committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rob Rizzo, Chair
Cindy Janke, Vice Chair
Gordon Boyce
Frank Lomanno
Judy Gillan
Peter Landry

Fair and Parade Committee

This past fall, Belchertown held its 152nd Annual Fair. This year's theme, "Dancing with the Steers", was a big hit, given the agricultural background of the fair. The Belchertown Fair took place the weekend of September 25, 26 and 27th.

As a newly adopted tradition, fair weekend night at Chestnut Hill Community School gained popularity year after year, not only residents from surrounding towns. for many years to come. Amusement Traveling Amusement park.



has opened for the third year on Thursday with a fireworks display. This event has with Belchertown residents, but also We hope to continue this spectacular event rides were provided by Mark Fanelli's

Unlike last year, the weather allowed the parade to be held Saturday morning, with an excellent fall setting for the many community groups, schools, residents and local businesses to display their creative efforts in interpreting this year's theme. The Friends of Clapp Library won the parade judges award for "Best presentation of the theme". The Belchertown Twirlers earned the first place award for "Amateur marching unit".

During the weekend, fairgoers enjoyed all kinds of delicious foods, sold by local vendors and non-profit groups. The Judges Choice award for the baby contest was Giselle Bourgeois. In the Exhibit Hall, The People's Choice award was given to Cub Scout Pack #57 for their video of "Godzilla". The winner of the Gerry Whitlock Award for best theme presentation was awarded to both the Footloose School of Dance and the Belchertown Historical Association. The winner of the Frog Jumping Contest was Kylee Livernois whose frogs have held the position of 1st place for 4 years. The Horse Pull took place on Saturday afternoon. The first place winner for the free

class was Frank Valley and his horses, Mike and Dick who pulled 18,500 lbs on their first pull! Unfortunately, the Ox Draw was cancelled on Sunday due to inclement weather.

Despite the inclement weather on Sunday, many fairgoers still enjoyed an excellent weekend. The Belchertown fair is one of the largest fundraising opportunities for non-profit and school related groups in our town!

Each year, members of the Fair Committee submit items and information to the Massachusetts Agricultural Fair Association for review. This year, our fair won first place in the media awards section for the insert included in the Sentinel and our website (which can be viewed at www.belchertownfair.com) The Fair also received a 2nd place award for the submission of the kids t-shirt design.

In addition to recognizing all of the volunteers and committee members who donate countless hours of their own time as a year round commitment to make our fair happen, we would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, Department of Public Works, the Staff of Town Hall and the Town Administrator for their efforts and continued support.

We are open to new ideas and people, attend a meeting and see what our great tradition is all about! See you at the 153rd!

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Walker
Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown Family Center Committee

The Belchertown Family Center is a fun and exciting place for families with children up to age six to drop in during three weekly sessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We offer a spacious environment that is safe and interactive for a young child to play and socialize at various developmental areas. The children are able to sit and look at books, create an arts and crafts project, pretend to be a gourmet cook in the kitchen area, hold a puppet show or jump around in the gross motor skill room. The center has a large, fenced-in back yard with a safe play structure, a large sandbox and riding toys for the children to enjoy.



The Belchertown Family Center has themed activities and field trips throughout the year. We also visit the Senior Center during the year as part of an inter-generational activity, many seniors and young children look forward to the visits and the activities planned; Thanksgiving Potluck is a favorite.

The center operates on donated funds collected during the drop-in sessions, a grant from the Hampshire Education Collaborative, a utility budget from the town and fundraising events. In 2009 we hosted our third annual Silent Auction and upcoming for Spring 2010, will be our sixth 5K Fun Run.

The Center continues being successful through the countless parents who volunteer their time and from the support received from the Town of Belchertown and the community. We look forward to serving the needs of the young children, enjoy watching them develop socially and intellectually and create friendships that prepare them for grade school.

Sincerely,

Belchertown Family Center Committee

Lori Allen

Claudia Bermudez

April Czupryna

Amy Scott

Stacy Stackhouse

Fire Department

The Fire Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection to our community. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of the firefighters, their families, our Town Officials and the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

Your firefighters continue to keep current with new standards and technology and conducted 98 training sessions this past year. Fire prevention enforcement and planning continues to be ongoing and steady with little relief from prior year volume. Even with a decline in the economy the department only noted a difference of 48 lesser inspections.

Fire education continues to be ongoing within our schools and is one of the most rewarding benefits of the job.

There was a slight decrease in the annual incident call volume in 2009 of 57. The department happily reports that there were not any substantial fires or dollar loss during the last year.

The Town's Energy Committee is looking into the feasibility of placing solar panels on the roof of the Fire Station to offset our electrical usage approximately 20%. This could develop into substantial savings to the Town.

The Department also received notification for approval of a firefighter safety grant allowing the hiring of 4-daytime firefighters with a monetary offset of funding provided by the federal government. The department is working with our officials to move forward in securing this opportunity and funding that will provide additional weekday coverage to the citizens.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers and firefighters of the department, for their continued support and dedication to duty. In addition I would also like to thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without their support, it would be very difficult to operate the department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional personnel take an active interest in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock
Fire Chief



Members of Belchertown Fire Department

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Chief Fire Inspector

Capt. John C. Workman

Captains

Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis
David Auchter

Lieutenants

Edward D. Fuller
Tom Cooke
Darryn Beaudry

Firefighters

Sam Joyal
Hugh Hubbard
Paul Tierney
Donald Thayer
Scott Cameron
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Scott Rae
Matt Rivest
Jeff Scott

Mark Lavallee
Mike Beaupre
Herbert Wood
Patrick McMorro
Scott Chapman
Gilbert Ocasio
Thomas Giguere
Jeff Haughey
Robert Ladd Sr.
Dan Austin

Kevin Fitzgerald
Christopher Fournier
Rhyann Huber
Shawn O'Rourke
Justin Roy
Nathan Shattuck
Dave Burns
Robert VanZandt Jr.

Auxiliary Firefighters

Kevin Vickers
Matt Tolpa

Mike Neiford
Evan Dell'Olio

Mike Beaudry
Joe VanZandt

Types of Responses 2009

Structure Fires	19
Vehicle Fires	06
Vehicle Extrication	00
Wildland Fires	43
CO Alarms	42
Hazardous Spills	12
Faulty Appliance	73
Sounding Alarms	39
Investigations	28
Mutual Aid	05
Total:	267

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	739
Smoke Detector	205
Oil Burner	59
Propane Storage	91
Underground Tanks	
Removal	02
Fuel Storage	05
Blasting	03
Total:	1104

Hampshire Council of Governments For Fiscal Year 2009

The focus of the Hampshire Council of Governments continues to be to help local governments save money and solve problems through regional cooperation, and a commitment to the concept of local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2009 were \$37,206. Dues for all member towns have been reduced to ease the financial burden to the municipalities while increasing the stability of the Council membership. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the reduced assessment and to expand services.

The Council achieved two of its major goals this past fiscal year. The Electricity Program has expanded into the five Western Counties of Massachusetts - Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden, Worcester, and Berkshire counties. Additionally, during FY09 the Council prepared for the eventual sale of Hampshire Care to the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts, a non-profit corporation. The elected Commissioners, now Councilors of Hampshire County, have provided public oversight to this health care facility since 1914 since it was the County Sanatorium for the treatment of Tuberculosis. In 1997 the facility changed its name and its function and became Hampshire Care, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility. The Council is proud of its stewardship of this very important facility which has been providing high quality health care to the citizens of the county for 85 years. Given the current economics of health care, it was no longer possible for the Council to run Hampshire Care without losing money. However, although the Council will no longer act as trustees for this fine facility, we are very pleased that Hampshire Care will continue to provide a high quality of service and even expand its offerings under the direction of the Masons. Going forward, the Council will continue to provide health services to the citizens of Hampshire County

through the Tobacco Free grant and the Wellness programs offered through the Insurance Trust.

Fiscal Year 2009 was a very busy one for Hampshire Power, a year that brought change and significant growth to the program. To accommodate the load increase, the Council contracted with Energy Services Group of Rockland, Massachusetts, for a software system to manage customer enrollments, billing, and account management. The new system is very powerful and capable, and has reduced staff time spent on manual data entry and manipulation, while making it possible for the program to grow in the future. New customers were enrolled in Worcester, Hampden, and Berkshire Counties, including several new businesses. The two rate plans of Profit Sharing and Real-Time continued to be offered through the fiscal year, but staff worked toward developing a fixed price plan for the coming year. FY09 was also a profitable year, with \$203,953.90 generated in profit rebates to be returned to Profit-Sharing customers. Real-Time customers saved \$504,172 compared to utility prices during the year. The program continues to serve the citizens of the region by sharing the savings from bulk power purchasing and efficient management. Hampshire Power staff are excited about the program's successes, and eager to see it continue to expand and flourish, bringing affordable power to western Massachusetts. Belchertown has saved some \$332,778 off the National Grid price as of 1/1/10.

The Cooperative Purchasing program, now in its 29th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2009 was \$5.8

million with a projected savings of \$863,395. Belchertown saved some \$158,440.03 in 2009.

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single-digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. The Insurance Year 2009, April 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, collective premium for the Trust was \$40,000,000.00. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits.

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. Department personnel are primarily involved with sales, account analysis, and program development for Hampshire Power. In addition, the department continues to secure surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for Fiscal Year 2009, after fees and delivery charges, totaled \$18,274. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on nicer pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. The availability of federal surplus property in New England continues to dwindle, but we are in hopes that this will change.

Regional Services continued its oversight of the Hampshire Inspection Program which provides building inspection and zoning enforcement services for Chesterfield, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, and Williamsburg. Three hundred and thirty-six building permits were issued in 2008. Of these, 13 permits were for new homes. The severe economic downturn in the second half of 2008 put a definite halt to construction of new homes, yet more permits were issued this year than last, mostly due to small renovation projects, repairs, and wood stove installations. While permit activity has increased since last year, most towns have seen a decrease in fees collected. This is due to the small minimum fee collected for smaller projects. The new State Building Code, the seventh edition, went into effect this year. Many changes appear in the new code, requiring numerous training sessions to keep current. The code is a living document and many amendments have been made since it was first introduced. Emergency inspection services are also available for other towns not in the program for an hourly fee.

The Council continued to provide Health and Wellness programs through the Tobacco Free Community Partnership funded by the State Department of Public Health and the Wellness Initiative, a workplace wellness program provided by the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust. The Tobacco Free Community Partnership conducts compliance checks to monitor the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors, and provides education on the health and economic effects of tobacco. In addition the program sponsors a western mass smoke free apartment website for both landlords interested in making their buildings smoke free and tenants interested in finding smoke free apartments. Landlords can list their smoke free apartments for free. The website can be found at www.smokefree.hampshirecog.org,

The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program working with 70 municipal units to identify the needs and interests of subscribers and to provide information, education and programs promoting healthier choices.

In January 2009 the Hampshire Council of Governments began administering RSVP, the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, of Hampshire & Franklin Counties. RSVP is a national community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. RSVP matches people with experience and skills to offer with organizations that need their help. From January – June 2009, RSVP brought on 89 new volunteers bringing our total volunteer force to 613. RSVP Volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- During the reporting period 29 volunteers worked with 227 students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills. 84% of students increased their interest in reading and 88% improved their academic skills.

- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 34 volunteers led strength training classes for 181 seniors. 86% of class participants improved their physical health and 95% improved their ability to avoid falls or broken bones.
- 127 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 800 elders.
- 268 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 2200 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

In addition to the various departments, programs, and services, each Councilor attends a monthly Full Board Meeting as well as a Standing Committee Meeting. Each Committee has oversight of specific departments and programs and continues to look for ways to increase revenue and provide services.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Council Representatives
William R. Barnett
Kenneth E. Elstein
Donald L. Minney
Donald J. Pipeczynski



Board of Health

Communicable Disease Report

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 2009:

Animal Bites

Cat bites	5
Dog bites	13

Reportable Diseases

Lyme	50	Salmonella	2	Hep C	1
Anaplasmosis	1	Norovirus	1	Salmonella	2
Shigella	1	Meninaitis	1	Strep Pneumonia	1
Varicela	2				

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

Margarita Canuel, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers investigates all contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Case follow-up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margarita Canuel, R.N.
Belchertown Public Health Nurse

Board of Health Permit/License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2009.

• Private Drinking Water Well Permits:	22 (16 New Constructions, 6 Replacements)
• Septic Permits:	72 (18 New Construction, 54 Repairs)
• Perc Test Applications:	77 (36 New Construction, 41 Repairs)
• Bakery:	2
• Belchertown Fair Temporary Food Permits:	31
• Day Camp Permit:	3
• Ecology Can Permits:	2
• Food Establishment Permits:	29
• Frozen Dessert License:	2
• Funeral Director License:	1
• Limited Food Establishment Permits:	7
• Milk & Cream Licenses:	33
• Mobil Food Permits:	1
• Mobil Home License:	1
• Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces	
• Variance Permits:	0
• Piggery License:	1
• Public Pool Permit:	1
• Public Spa Permit:	0
• Residential Kitchen Permits:	5
• Retail Food Permits:	14
• Septic Hauler's Permits:	10
• Septic Installer's Permits:	28
• Tanning Unit Permits:	3 permits/8 units
• Temporary Food Permits:	6
• Tobacco Retail Permits:	13

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2009, I conducted inspections of 148 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

Dairy cows	20	Beef cows	249
Goats	21	Sheep	39
Swine	28	Llamas / alpacas	14
Horses/ponies	404	Donkeys	10
Chickens	89	Turkeys	17
Waterfowl	61	Game birds	7
Rabbits	101	Pigeons	6

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices.

In 2009, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filled with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

Dog Bites: 13 Cat Bites: 5
Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 27

Two animals were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing, a cat and a squirrel; both animals were negative for rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Flebotte
Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2009.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Tests/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	78	30	5
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	18	4	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	54	20	5
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	61	28	7
Well Application Review	22	N/A	2
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	25	74	6
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	0	12	0
Lead Paint Inspections	1	0	0
Food Service Inspections (routine)	71	63	0
Food Service Inspections (follow-up)	6	5	0
Food Service Inspections (complaint)	4	16	0
New or Remodeled Food Establishment Openings	3	1	0
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	32	20	0
Nuisance Orders Issued	8	28	2
Nuisance Complaints Investigated and follow-up inspections conducted	16	52	4
Tanning Bed Licensure	3	4	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	2	0	0
Court Appearances	2	0	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	2	1	N/A
Meetings/Hearings	15	19	10

Total Inspection Activities District-Wide: 842

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2010 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2010 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative/clerical personnel at both locations as well.

The arrival of H1N1 in the spring of 2009 resulted in much of our time and attention being directed towards addressing the pandemic flu outbreak. We launched a public education campaign and collaborated with all partners, especially with each of the public and private schools located within the District. Federal grant money for H1N1 response was applied for and received in each District community. The grants allowed us to orchestrate our very successful response. Each school was provided the tools they needed to help stop the spread of H1N1. Public locations were also outfitted with educational posters and hand sanitizing stations. Once the H1N1 vaccine was available, the grants allowed us to staff and supply vaccination clinics. Our efforts began with vaccinating school children. As of the writing of this report, approximately 1,725 residents of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham have received the H1N1 vaccine at free Board of Health clinics held in each community.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Ryan Fitzmeyer, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Abby Melendy, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Margarita Canuel, R.N. for their hard work this year. H1N1 posed a challenge and they rose to meet it.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District Bylaw Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, "The Historic Districts Act". Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance. The local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alteration within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws but does regulate the exterior appearance and materials of structures. Presently, there are over 100 Historic District Commissions operating in Massachusetts, administering over 200 Local Historic Districts. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the Town Center Historic District

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District including proposed changes at the intersection of Main/S. Main/Jabish and Maple Streets to minimizing the impact on the historic district. We also provided input to the updated sign bylaw. Several new businesses have moved into the historic district in the past year. We would like to express our appreciation to all of the new business owners for their efforts in working together with us to maintain the historic character of the common. We worked with the Town to find an acceptable solution for repair and replacement of windows in the Town Hall.

For the past six years, the Historic District Commission was pleased to present its annual Preservation Award to honor homeowners and business people who have brought a new vitality to the historic center while exhibiting a commitment to work within the parameters of the design guidelines established for the district when restoring or renovating their properties. This year we were unable to make these awards but the Commission hopes to resume this practice in the near future.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the state. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre, Chair
Rob Condon
Peter Roberts
Denise Smith
Jonathan Spiegel

Historical Commission

Members:

Steve Cole
Sue Fulton
Erika Hamilton
Maxine Oland – Vice Chairman
Leslie E. Squires – Chairman
F. Knowlton Utley

Associate Members:

Judith Gillian
Alice Pelissier

During the past year the Belchertown Historical Commission finalized the house inventory we started last year. A copy of the inventory was given to the Town Clerk, the Belchertown Historical Association and the Clapp Memorial Library. A second house survey is in the planning stage. This inventory will cover any houses built prior to 1900 and we plan to up-date surveys that were done in 1976. Up-dating the surveys is important because some these homes have been added on to, modernized or are no longer in existence.

The Belchertown Historical Commission has been working on mapping and inventorying all the cemeteries in town. Because we are all volunteers we have discussed the possibility of hiring a firm to do this.

We had a request from the Massachusetts Highway Department to review the plans for installing a left turn lane from South Main Street to Maple Street. The main thing we pointed out was the mile marker. WE felt it would have to be moved and it was moved straight back.

We worked on a web page. What we want to do is get the house inventory into the computer so people can go to our web sight for research. When we get the cemetery maps complete we plan to make them accessible via our web sight.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Historical Commission

Belchertown Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments and three DMR houses.

The elderly/disabled are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each apartment has a living room/ kitchen combination, bedroom and bath. On site parking is available and there is a laundry room located in the office/community room building. Heat, electric, and trash pick up are included in rent. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There is on site maintenance and a 24 hour answering service.

The family housing is located at State Street and George Hannum Street. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on second floor and half bath on first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments is determined on your net annual income. The apartments are managed by an Executive Director appointed by the Authority Board

and are operated according to the policy of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

The DMR housing is located at State Street, George Hannum Street and East Walnut Street. The houses on State Street and George Hannum Street are administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and East Walnut Street is administered by the Western Massachusetts Consortium.

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Ave. OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. The office telephone number is 413-323-4064. When the office is not open an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Cohen - Executive Director
Tracey Thompson - Chair
Jim Gambaro - Vice Chair
Sally Dodge - Affirmative Action Officer
Knowlton Utlej - State Appointee,
Treasurer

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued 22 new construction-building permits for single-family residences and 5 new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2009. It appears new home construction is beginning to rebound as December saw a total of five new permits pulled. The total number of permits for the year totaled 1050. The bulk of the permits were for homeowners adding on to their homes or altering/repairing them. Permits pulled for installing wood/pellet stoves remains constant.

Effective April 1, 2009, the State required trench permits for excavation greater than three feet be pulled, and at year end these permits totaled seventy.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector. David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector. Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and Bryan Varney and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Adzima
Director of Inspection Services

Memorial Committee

(formerly known as the War Memorial Committee)

The War Memorial Committee determined after considerable research of town records that no charge existed for the Committee, so its members drafted one. That draft was reviewed in a joint meeting with the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. The most significant outcome of that collaboration was refocusing of the Charge to include all memorials in town, present and future, not just war memorials. Consequently, the revised draft included renaming the Committee the Belchertown Memorial Committee. The proposed charge and name change were accepted by the Board of Selectmen in August 2009. As requested by the Board, the members of the War Memorial Committee agreed to serve as the founding members of the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Jourdain, Chair
Memorial Committee

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department



We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. With the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, baton twirling and soccer. Wrestling and Football returned this summer and we added new programming such as Little Chefs and Back Yard All-Stars. Those ages 3 to adults were able to enjoy such summer programs as art classes, Take-A-Hike, and canoeing or kayaking.

We continued our overall beautification of the town beach by continuing with our landscape and bathroom improvements. Our summer of enjoyable weather throughout the beach season brought back many familiar faces along with many new patrons to our daily attendance.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

The Teen Center has seen many changes the first being almost an entire new staff but also new programming which included such classes as; French Lessons, Nature Walks and Piano Lessons. The Overnight Jr. Prom Party was a great success. In 2010 we will continue to offer cooking, sewing, fusion, tutoring, Safe Sitter Classes and Art Classes along with many of our returning favorites such as Theatre and a Day at the Beach.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Opalenik,
Recreation Director

Recreation Commission

The Belchertown Recreation Commission is made up of seven voting members and two associate members. The Commission members are appointed by the Town's Board of Selectmen. The voting members serve a 3-year term and current members are: Tom Kubacki, Chairperson; Lisa Gustafson, Vice Chairperson; Kelly Harris, Clerk; Megan Manitsas (serves as the Recreation Commission's liaison to the Community Preservation Committee); Karen Corey, Kathy Williams and Andy French. Associate members include Shannon Synan and Ed Sokolowski. Associate members are appointed on a yearly basis.

The Recreation Commission does have a Personnel Sub-Committee that oversees the reappointment process which the Commission has its own policy for. The Personnel Sub-Committee reviews attendance before a Commissioner is recommended for appointment to the Board of Selectmen. All Commissioners are required to have a minimum of 70% attendance at meetings before they can be considered for reappointment by the Personnel Sub-Committee to the Chair who would then recommend appointment to the Board of Selectmen.

This year the Recreation Commission was involved in several major projects including pool compliance to the new Federal Standard and the acquisition of Foley Field for the Town. The

Town pool required, on very short notice, safety guards placed on the filter drains. The Recreation Department had guards installed allowing the pool to remain open uninterrupted.

Ed Sokolowski spearheaded a drive to have the EDIC sell Foley Field to the Town. Because of Ed's efforts, and input from the Recreation Department, the land was transferred to the School Department. This land acquisition benefits the Recreation Departments cause as once renovations are completed, the Recreation Department will have access to more fields for recreation use.

During the course of this past year we also reviewed and updated the following Recreation Commission Policies: Recreation Commission Mission Statement, Use of Town Fields and Facilities Managed by the Belchertown Recreation Department, Belchertown Recreation Commission Budget and Finance Subcommittee, and the Recreation Team Pick Policy.

Our early focus in 2010 will be the finalization of new fees that are part of the Recreation Department Fields and Facilities by Non-Recreation Department Organizations Policy which needs to be updated based upon increasing field maintenance costs. We also hope to see the completion of Constantino Field and Foley Field so that both can be used by Recreation teams.

The Commission welcomes the public to join in and share their views with us. We typically meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and we would love to see the public as we rarely have any visitors but are always looking for the public's input on how we can better serve the Town of Belchertown. The Commission is committed with providing recreational opportunities for Belchertown residents through programs offered by the Recreation Department.

Thank you,

Thomas P. Kubacki, Chairperson
Recreation Commission

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Julie Peck, Sharon Riley, Kelly Flynn, Katharine Higgins-Shea, and Simon James. Due to Julie moving out of town, she resigned from the Board in Jan 2009. Richard Fritsch joined the Board in July 2009.

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

- The Board approved changing the vacant Animal Inspector position from an annual stipend of \$1,500 per year to a \$20.00 fee per action.

- Reviewed retirement concern from Dispatchers and provided recommendation.
- The Board approved the request to allow Ms Rattell to carry over excess vacation.
- The Board assisted in the resolution of a leave discrepancy for Diane Morgan.
- The Board approved the request to allow Dianne Radebaugh to carry over excess vacation.
- The Board reviewed the request to allow Francis Fox to carry over excess vacation.

Respectfully submitted,
Personnel Board Members
Kelly Flynn
Richard Fritsch
Katharine Higgins-Shea
Simon James
Sharon Riley

Planning Board

The Planning Board had an active year in 2009. The Board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Community Plan

In January, the Planning Board officially adopted the 2009 Belchertown Community Plan. This had been a two-year long revision to bring the 2002 Community Plan into the next five years. The Community Plan has a list of recommended actions that were developed based on statistical data, state and federal requirements, and the community's expressed desires. The Community Plan is policy for the whole town; its creation was guided by a committee of citizens appointed by the Selectmen to represent the whole community to direct the boards and committees in their policies and activities. The Community Plan is for the entire town to use in determining policy priorities. The Selectmen and the Planning Board encourage all of you to be involved in guiding the Town's growth. There is much going on and everyone is affected.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The Planning Board conducted a comprehensive revision of the signage section of the zoning bylaw. This was in collaboration with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission with funding from a smart growth grant from the State. For this project, there was research of other bylaws and legal issues and extensive public review. The Planning Board sought specific comments from other boards and town counsel. This bylaw change was adopted by town meeting in May.

The Planning Department provided software updates for the Town's geographic information systems, including the public Maps On-line site.

The Planning Department provided project tracking software and training for all town departments. The software was paid from a grant obtained by the Town Planner and the Planning Board budget paid for the training.

The Planning Board and staff provided support to the Community Preservation Committee for the housing needs assessment and action plan.

The Planning Department assisted in the Town's Massachusetts Green Community application.

The Planning Department provided assistance to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation. The Town Planner obtained and managed the grant for the site feasibility study of work done with MassDevelopment for a site redevelopment feasibility assessment. This was presented in October and is the basis for a new focus in redeveloping the State School property.

The Planning Department provided extensive comments to the State legislature on proposed new land use laws.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Sixteen new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

South Street	4
Bay Road	3
Berkshire Avenue	2
Sabin Street	2
Franklin Street	1
Michael Sears Road	1
State Street	1
Stebbins Street	1
Warren Wright Road	1
Total Lots	16

Preliminary Subdivision Plans: one preliminary subdivision plan was submitted in 2009. This was reviewed in February for the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation for their Parcel D off Turkey Hill Road. This plan was approved.

The Planning Board monitored 17 subdivisions under construction during 2009. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work during the slow real estate market, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan reviews:

- An auto repair shop on Bridge Street.
- An auto repair shop on Ware Road. This application was withdrawn after extensive review.
- Storage units added to an existing business on Bay Road.
- A batting cage added to an existing business on Sargent Street.

A common driveway special permit application was submitted in 2009. This was on Old Enfield Road for two lots and was approved.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Zone Changes: The Planning Board heard two zone change petitions. One was supported by the Board, the other was not. Both were approved by town meeting. One was to change 114 North Main Street from Village Residential to Limited Business; the other was to change 100 Federal Street from Rural Residential to General Business.

As noted, the Planning Board presented the signage section of the zoning bylaw to town meeting and this was approved.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Planning Board's web site linked via the Town hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Selectmen on the Town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2010);
- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2011);
- Christopher Laurenzo, (term expires: 2012);
- Louis Faassen, Vice Chair (term expires: 2013);
- James Natle, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2014);
- Mark Andrews, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (appointed annually).

Staff

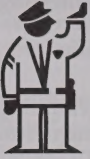
Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary;

Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

Police Department



The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive and diligent to the residents of Belchertown in 2009, providing quality professional services to the Belchertown community with limited resources.

Our dispatch center received 15,766 calls for services; we received 3792 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 375 arrests, 89 criminal complaints, for a total of 800 incidents. Officers issued 1682 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 286 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department remains proactive and continues to embrace the community policing philosophy as our department's model of policing, offering several community based- policing programs through a community police grant received yearly from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, D.A.R.E., and police bike patrol programs.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high schools, assisting staff and students, providing security and school based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within are school district and through this cooperation continues to keep this valuable position in place . The D.A.R.E. curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; the Police Department and the School Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence.

Belchertown Police Officers with cooperation of the Belchertown Recreation Department continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior women so they could receive classroom credit for the program. The RAD kids program thru the efforts of our school department, Swift River Elementary School and the Police Department continues to offer this important program at the 2nd grade level with continued success.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our communities' children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year and by appointment. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Click It or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues.

The Belchertown Police Department K-9 program continues to assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residences of Belchertown safe. Officer Adam Brougham and his Belgian Malino dog Falco this past year received national accredited certification in narcotics detection, apprehension, evidence recovery, tracking, and obedience through the North American Police Work Dog Association.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year hired three additional part time police officers to our ranks: Officer Anthony Sotolotto, Brent Noyes and Jeremiah McBride joined the Department.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the police department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and woman of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residences of Belchertown safe.

Respectively Submitted,

Francis R. Fox, Jr.
Chief of Police



Belchertown Public Schools



Superintendent's Report

On June 30, 2009, the Belchertown Public Schools bid farewell to Mr. Richard Pazasis, Superintendent of Schools for thirteen years. I am grateful to Mr. Pazasis for the strong foundation he built during his service to Belchertown. Under his leadership, new schools were built, old schools renovated, and innovative programs were begun in order to meet the increasing demands of a rapidly growing community. Once I was appointed the Superintendent by the School Committee, he graciously welcomed me into the district and worked with me to ensure a smooth transition.

We are working to build on this foundation. I have spent time during my first six months interviewing school district staff, parents, and other members of the community in order to learn what people perceive as our strengths and our challenges as we head into the future. The findings from these interviews, along with other information and data, will help us shape the future direction of our schools.

The School Committee welcomed Mrs. Clare Popowich as their newest member following the town election last spring. Mrs. Popowich brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from the business world to the table, along with her interest in our school system as the mother of two students at Belchertown High School. A graduate of Clark University, she is also very active in a variety of community organizations as a local scout leader and working with the Belchertown Granby Eagles youth football program. She has already proven herself to be an asset to our work.

This past year was a challenging budget year for the Belchertown Public Schools. Our budget of \$24,384,131.00 as of July 1, 2009, was reduced by \$127,840.00 during the summer months, resulting in budget reductions and the loss of four staff positions. This upcoming year looks to be more challenging with significant reductions in local aid and local revenue. As always, we

will do the best we can with the funds we have. The School Committee, Superintendent, and the rest of our Senior Leadership Team work hard to create a budget which meets the needs of all of our children, while being sensitive to the needs of our taxpayers.

This fall, we lost a beloved and respected music teacher, Lloyd Armstrong, who touched the lives of hundreds of students during his career in the Belchertown Public Schools. We celebrated his life at a memorial service in November, with almost 500 people in attendance. It was a wonderful tribute to his life, the music he loved, and the students who were fortunate enough to have him as a teacher.

The Belchertown Public Schools were given the care and custody of Foley Field and Lake Wallace, on the former state school property, after they were purchased by the town from the EDIC. We look forward to developing this area as an educational and recreational area for all the citizens of Belchertown to use. The School Committee has appointed an advisory committee to develop a plan for the property's use. Money secured from the Community Preservation Act funds at the Town meeting in May was used to do some upgrades to the fields in order to prepare them for use for sporting teams. The Advisory Committee is exploring other possibilities for this wonderful resource and will be releasing a long-range plan in the near future.

The School Committee also appointed a Technology Advisory Committee to look at our current technology status, assess our needs, and help us plan for the future. We meet monthly to work on these goals and will share our progress and plans in 2010.

Two Instructional Leadership Teams have been established in the district; one for grades K-6 and one for grades 7-12. These teams consist of teacher leaders, department chairs, and administration from our schools. Our purposes are to plan for a process to fully update our curriculum in alignment with Massachusetts state curriculum frameworks and to plan for professional development of our faculty to ensure that they are armed with the best strategies for delivering instruction to our students based on current research and practice.

These are exciting times as we move ahead with these initiatives. Our challenge is to best "stay the course" in light of the current financial constraints. I am blessed to have a wonderful staff with which to work, a committed and caring School Committee who has the best interests of our children at heart, and parents and community members who are willing to step to the plate in a myriad of ways to support our work. I look forward to our continued partnership in future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judith C. Houle
Superintendent of Schools

School Business Manager's Report

During 2009, the School Department's formal procedures for monitoring its budget spending continued to result in the effective use of its financial resources to provide and support quality education for all Belchertown students. In order to stabilize the school budget to minimize and avoid reductions because of the state's revenue reductions, the school department received funding from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a new one-time appropriation the U.S. Department of Education awarded to Governors to supplement state funding.

The custodial staff continued to maintain a high standard of cleanliness for all school facilities. The high standard was achieved through supervised routine day-to-day cleaning activities as well as by Robert Lachance's, Director of Buildings and Grounds, establishment and implementation of a list of building repair and preventative maintenance priority lists. Major

maintenance projects included, but not limited to: painting and carpeting at Cold Spring School, the replacement of twelve unit ventilators at Cold Spring School and three heat pump replacements at Chestnut Hill Community School. The Town of Belchertown, at the town meeting on May 11, 2009, approved funding from the Community Preservation Act to rehabilitate the playing fields at Foley Field. The work for the fields was completed in the fall of 2009. Under a 50% training course discount from National Grid, Robert Lachance obtained the national recognized Building Operator Certification-Level 1. The certification credential is awarded to individuals who demonstrate knowledge and competency in the energy efficient operation and maintenance of buildings and equipment.

The school lunch program continued to maintain student participation levels above the state average, despite the economy, under the leadership of Ann Marie Beaupre, the Director of Food Services, with the assistance of her hardworking food service staff. The food service department also continued to purchase locally grown produce and the nutrients of all menus were made available on the Belchertown Public Schools web site for daily review. All kitchens of the food service department passed two health inspections completed by the Quabbin Health District. The school lunch program also adhered to the school district's wellness policy as required by federal law.

The Belchertown School District continued to provide safe bus transportation for all its students. First Student provided regular transportation services for students in grades kindergarten through twelve and provided additional transportation for students participating in after school activities and high school athletics. First Student, Inc. was awarded a three year contract (with the option of two additional one year renewals) for a total of five years through June 30, 2014, for regular transportation. Van Pool Transportation provided transportation for many students requiring special accommodations.

Special Education Director's Report

During school year 2009, the department continued to monitor district compliance with all updated state and federal regulations. While monitoring compliance for existing procedures and programs, the department continued to refine and update many of the existing programs across the district in order to provide an appropriate "continuum of services" for all students receiving special education services within the district. This "continuum of services" also provided in-district supports for many students who moved in to the district from other communities, allowing them to be educated in Belchertown instead of attending private schools in other towns. The majority of the 500 students being served on IEPs were once again being served within district-based programs and classrooms. The developmental kindergarten classroom at Cold Spring School was restructured to provide needed services to a new group of kindergarten students. Transition services were expanded for students at the high school level. The department also submitted data to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as part of additional "Cohort" requirements and continued to be found in complete compliance with all regulations governing those submissions.

Early Childhood Center (CSS) and Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report

The Cold Spring School Early Childhood Center and Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2009 school year. Both schools provided safe and developmentally appropriate learning environments that encouraged and celebrated the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement and improving assessment and instruction. The CSS student enrollment totaled 215 and there were 602 students at Swift River Elementary.

There were minimal staff transitions in the 2009 school year. We were fortunate enough to maintain a consistent staff which has allowed us to continue initiatives that began the previous year. We welcomed Karen Ferola to our staff as the Language Learning Program teacher at SRE.

Other changes include the hiring of certified teachers for the Title I program at SRE, the addition of a Reading Intervention Program for special education students at SRE, and the creation of a co-taught classroom at the Kindergarten level at CSS. We continue to maintain the additional teachers in kindergarten and first grade to reduce class size at the lower grade levels.

In February, 10 teachers participated in a very productive professional development opportunity through a School Improvement Initiative grant which continued throughout the school year and into the summer. The training focused on student achievement and allowed for concentrated class time, site visits, coaching, modeling, consultation time, and the opportunity to develop a consortium with other professional communities. Other teachers also took part in ELL trainings that occurred in the Spring. More professional development opportunities will be provided to teachers and staff through the newly formed Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), consisting of district and school based administrators, Lead teachers and the guidance department. The SRE/CSS ILT works in conjunction with the ILT from CHCS to guide the direction of future professional development for all three schools.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment were the savings bank program for all grade levels, as well as an emphasis on character education through monthly award presentations. These programs instill a sense of responsibility within our students and help connect academics to real world experiences. Swift River Elementary School's third annual Family Art Night was also a huge success. SRE art teacher Cathy Kenneally supervised this event with third grade students, their families, SRE teachers and staff, and other community members to create a free standing art structure in the center courtyard. Math Night, held in the Spring for second grade parents and students organized by the Title I staff and conducted by SRE teachers, was a complete success. In addition, this fall we began a series of workshops designed to provide resources to parents on a variety of topics such as attention difficulties, safe touch, anxiety, and parenting support. This series was offered by the guidance departments at SRE and CSS in conjunction with doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology program at UMASS and the PTO. We have continued to present new volunteer orientation programs to reinforce the appreciation and expectations of volunteers at CSS and SRE. A volunteer handbook is provided to volunteers along with identification badges to ensure that volunteers follow the three "C's" of Communication, Caring, and Confidentiality.

In order to promote student achievement, increase time on learning, and provide equity throughout each grade level, several scheduling changes were put into action. Ninety minute English Language Arts and Math blocks were instituted in all grade levels at SRE to provide uninterrupted instructional time. In addition, the morning recess time was added to the lunch and recess block to minimize transitions and provide more time for students to eat lunch. At both CSS and SRE, we finished the first year of implementing the new Macmillan/McGraw-Hill "Treasures" (K-6) Reading series. We have begun the process of analyzing the series for effectiveness, improving lessons, refining assessments, and ensuring that the series fully aligns to the MA Curriculum Frameworks.

In the Spring of 2009, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony was held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. We were proud to have two members of our faculty as recipients of this prestigious award. Marilyn Higgins (Physical Education Teacher) and Pamela Pieciak (Grade Three Teacher) from SRE were recognized.

With advice and assistance from the CSS/SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2009 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Lee Harder, teacher representative; Hazel Hardaker, community representative; Kathleen Terry, parent representative; Jennifer Torna, parent representative; David Vacchi, parent representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank CSS/SRE teachers,

paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives. We have reached several of our goals outlined in the CSS/SRE School Improvement Plan and look forward to continued success in the future.

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report

Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can learn. Each is an individual deserving recognition for his or her special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated instruction and individualized learning strategies, and with the support of family, the dedicated staff strives to educate every child to be academically successful, a socially responsible citizen, and a life-long learner.

In the spring of 2009, all third grade students from Swift River Elementary School took part in a "Move Up Day". The students met with administration, the school counselor, toured the building, and took part in a question and answer session with fourth grade students to help their transition from third to fourth grade.

In addition in the spring, over 100 Chestnut Hill Community students took part in a school wide production, "Perfectly Normal-The Super Hero Musical", which was written, produced, and directed by Stephen Walkowicz and Joshua Guerraz. The students also took part in a book drive where the students and staff donated over 3600 books that were delivered to the children at the Navajo Reservation. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Welch agreed to dress in costume if we collected more than 1800 books, which we accomplished. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Welch dressed up as Dr. Seuss's Thing 1 and Thing 2. Also, during the fall of 2009, Chestnut Hill Community School students took part in the "Penny Wars" fundraiser for books for Shriner's Hospital. The students raised \$2261.00! School administration, staff members, and the superintendent of schools were the recipients of the prizes given to each class. Third place went to grade five, who covered us in silly string, second place went to grade six who graciously gave us a whipped cream pie in the face, and first place went to grade four for raising the most money. Eight fourth grade students slimed us twice! It was all in good fun and for an excellent cause.

During the fall of 2009, Chestnut Hill Community School welcomed new talented educators to the existing faculty and staff. New staff members, including those hired as the results of a retirement and a leave of absence, were: Greg Genatosio, Band Director and Lori Erickson, fifth grade teacher.

Much of our faculty's time and energy continued to be focused on implementing improved instructional practices. The staff implemented a second year of the approved instructional Reading/English Language Arts Program, "Treasures". Staff worked diligently in grade level teams to ensure common assessments and effective planning and implementation of the program. Implementation of the Everyday Math Program continued across all grade levels. Grades four and five continued with flexible math grouping.

Chestnut Hill Community School has continued to use MCAS data to pose questions to staff regarding how we are doing and what we can do to continue to improve student achievement. On two separate professional development days in the fall, Chestnut Hill Community School staff had worked in grade level groups to identify school strengths and weaknesses in relation to the district and state MCAS scores, identify relative strengths and weaknesses within the school among strands and question types, pinpoint specific weakness and begin to plan for instructional interventions.

Co-taught inclusion classrooms continue to be a vital necessity in effectively meeting the needs of all students in the classroom. Each inclusion classroom has two teachers who plan strategies and specially designed instruction to meet the various needs of all students.

Chestnut Hill Community School continued to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn the value of saving money.

On September 11, 2009, Chestnut Hill Community School held a ceremony in commemoration of terrorist attacks. School administration led the children in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Dr. Judith Houle, Superintendent of Schools, ended the ceremony singing the National Anthem.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2009 year were the general efforts and contributions gained from our Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Program that encompassed all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students took part in productions/field trips such as the Holiday Concert, The Veterans' Day Concert, DARE Graduation, Nature's Classroom, Arbor Day celebrations and the Multi-band Concert.

All accomplishments of Chestnut Hill Community School were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped to make 2009 an exceptional year!

Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report

Our annual challenge is to successfully transition our students from the intermediate level of instruction to the secondary level, and in two short years, prepare our students for the demands and challenges of the high school environment. A team teaching model, designed to foster a student centered educational environment, continued at Jabish Brook Middle School through 2009 to meet this challenge.

Jabish Brook Middle School's annual events included the National Geographic Geography Bee in January; Pathfinder and Belchertown High School enrollment information sessions in February; "March Madness" Spirit Week, the Spring Concert was performed by the JBMS Band/Chorus, and MCAS testing began in March; our MCAS assessment was completed in April; and the dramatic musical production of "Peter Pan" was held in May. June ends the school year with final exams, our annual class trips to Lake Compounce and Six Flags, as well as our Eighth Grade Celebration and Aloha dance held at BHS to symbolize our students' transition to the high school. Although June ends the school year for our students, we prepare our incoming sixth grade students by inviting them for a tour of our building, referred to as our "Step-up" Day, which is followed by our Student Orientation session held in August.

September began with a newly implemented daily schedule, changed to model the current high school daily schedule. This schedule alignment was implemented as a first step in the hopes to work more cooperatively with the high school environment to share resources and provide academic opportunities to both secondary schools. In addition, Reading as a core academic curriculum was implemented in the seventh grade for all students, thanks to federal funding grants awarded to the district. The addition of reading as a core academic class provided the opportunity for students to develop and master all reading skills prior to engaging in the foreign language requirement, beginning for many students in grade eight. The success of these programs, and the review of their future implementation will be ongoing through the first half of 2010. October brought our first "Spirit Week" activities for the school year, including a student/faculty volleyball tournament, participation in Red Ribbon Drug Awareness activities, and our first school dance for all middle school students. Nearly 350 students were in attendance at our first dance, and chaperones include faculty, staff, and PTO member parents.

MCAS testing results received in late October continued to show that JBMS students compared favorably with students throughout the state. November and December provided an opportunity for our students to be involved in community activities, including support for local food, clothing and toy drives over the holiday season. Our Winter Band and Choral Concert, held in December, was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Lloyd Armstrong, a life-long resident of Belchertown and our middle school band instructor. A memorial scholarship to support music education in the Belchertown Public Schools was established, and fundraiser donations were accepted at the concert for this purpose.

The JBMS After-School Program provided enrichment activities and academic support to our middle school students in its final year through 2009. Financial resources from outside the school budget were required to support this valuable program. The after school program continued to provide such activities as jewelry-making, MCAS remediation, homework club, unicycle, dramatic arts, scrap-booking and cooking. Attendance rates have shown the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS provided popular and productive activities for our students. Our enrollment in these activities was over 200 students, nearly 50% of our student population, participating in at least one activity sometime during the school year. Initiatives and applications have begun in the hopes that operational funding can be secured in order to continue programming in the future.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. The success of our team teaching model, coupled with the support of our faculty, our students, our parents and the community provided for another successful year through 2009 at Jabish Brook Middle School.

It is through the cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

High School (BHS) Principal's Report

The administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School enjoyed another outstanding year at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. We are so very proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished throughout 2009. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment. It is a great place to both teach and learn!

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Julia Grabazs as an award recipient for 2009. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Julia, her parents, her sister, and other western Massachusetts recipients. Julia Grabazs is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Julia's contributions to our academic program, our extra-curricular program, and our athletic program were significant. Julia Grabazs definitely left her mark at Belchertown High School.

In May, Mrs. Jessica (Bourbeau) Letzeisen was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Mrs. Letzeisen was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as an English teacher and her work with students both in and out of the classroom. In addition to the fine work that Mrs. Letzeisen does in the classroom, she serves as an advisor to both the Diversity Coalition and the Class of 2011.

On Saturday, June 6th, the Class of 2009 graduated from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mrs. Judy Bettencourt delivered the commencement address and distributed beautiful hand-made bottles with a special message for each of our seniors. Cherished class advisor, Mrs. Maggie Folli also spoke to the class. Retiring Superintendent, Mr. Richard Pazasis provided words of wisdom for the Class of 2009. We thank Mr. Pazasis for the enduring lesson he left for all of us...namely that devoting one's life to the improvement of the lives of children is indeed a most noble endeavor. Other speeches were given by Ms. Julia Grabazs, president and valedictorian of the class, and Mr. Alec Lieberman, salutatorian of the class who also read the class a poem that he had written just for them. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2009. Over \$357,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2009, Belchertown High School also said goodbye to Mrs. Judy Bettencourt, Ms. Maryanne O'Brien, and Dr. Diane Smith who retired after a combined total of over eighty years of service at Belchertown High School. Each of these outstanding teachers gave so much to the Belchertown High School community. American author John Steinbeck once said, "I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit..." These teachers canvases have been Belchertown High School and their masterpieces have been decades of students who have not only learned from them in the classroom but have also learned the ideals of kindness, compassion, gentleness from each of them. We wish Mrs. Bettencourt, Ms. O'Brien, and Dr. Smith much happiness in the years ahead!

In August, we received word from the Commission on Public Secondary Schools that they were very pleased with the progress we had made on the development of the Belchertown High School Responsibilities for Assessing School-Wide Expectations, the development of a curriculum template that prescribes content, integrates relevant school wide learning expectations, includes course specific learning goals, suggests instructional strategies, and suggests assessment techniques including the use of school wide rubrics, and the development of a draft rubric for assessing the achievement of the civic and social expectations. We were very happy with the report and we continue to work on our two year progress report which is due October of 2010.

On Wednesday, September 2nd, 780 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new teachers: Ms. Lori St. Pierre, art; Ms. Alison Wesolowski, Physical Education; and Mr. Brennan Murray, Library Media Specialist. We also welcomed Dr. Judith Houle, our new superintendent of Schools, who even though just started in her new position, July 1st, already made her presence known at Belchertown High School by attending the Class of 2013 and New Student Orientation, visiting classrooms, and attending athletic and musical events! Administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents were all looking forward to working with Dr. Houle!

On October 15th, under a snowy sky, the first ever Powder Puff Game was held at Belchertown High School. Under the leadership of Mrs. Deborah Tupek, the Class of 2010 and 2011 ladies battled it out on the football field while the men of the Class of 2010 and 2011 cheered for them on the sidelines. This was a great event enjoyed by all who attended. A special thanks to Mrs. Tupek, faculty, staff, and students for their participation in this outstanding event. We hope the Powder Puff Game will be a tradition at Belchertown High School for many years to come!

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Former Assistant Principal, Daniel Bergeron, posted the colors. Major. Keith Poulin served as our guest speaker and discussed the importance of Veterans' Day in his life. Major. Poulin's comments were very moving and inspiring to all of us in attendance. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz and Student Council, especially Brandon Leighton, for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Mrs. Boysen, the Wind Ensemble, Jeff Grossman, and Tyler Keefe for their musical contributions. Throughout the year, we have kept Major Poulin's message in mind - the sacrifices of our veterans and their families and the importance of the American Flag and the National Anthem.

In December, 47 members of the Class of 2010 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding achievement.

Through the leadership of teachers, administrators, students, parents and other members of the school community, Belchertown High School has established a vital learning community that has been defined by its proud, respectful, and welcoming school climate.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. Although there was no election in 2009, membership on the committee was altered by the resignation of Gail Roberts who moved from Monson, and Elizabeth Desrochers of Granby who resigned. In November the Granby Board of Selectmen and the Granby School Committee appointed William E. Johnson to serve until the next election. The Monson position remains unfilled, however. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Curriculum

Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The combined number of students who scored in the "Advanced" category remained close to our numbers from last year at 26%. Also, 94% of the sophomores passed the ELA portion during the March testing period, and 92% passed the mathematics portion. 88% the sophomores passed the initial round of Science and Technology and of those, 5% were in the advanced category. These results clearly reflect the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS performance.

Science staff continued to fine-tune the scope and sequence of the science courses to include several sections of Engineering and Technology as well as additions to the *Project Lead the Way* curriculum. Students in those courses did exceptionally well in the preliminary round of science MCAS testing.

The Math Department continued their progress in the development of an advanced curriculum for those students who have demonstrated accelerated ability. Course work includes an Algebra II course for entering 9th graders designed to challenge those students who had already taken Algebra I. Work continued in the development of an honors math curriculum, including putting the final touches on a calculus course which would follow the pre-calculus class that many students now take.

As we entered our fourth year of *Project Lead the Way* (PLTW), the staff was and continues to be excited about the potential for this program. Currently a science elective, this offering will

eventually lead to a comprehensive and rigorous pre-engineering program involving several technical departments. Our instructors continued to participate in professional development training designed specifically for PLTW during the summer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The school's affiliations with area hospitals and health care facilities continued to provide positive learning experiences for the students, and the expansion of the program has proven to be very successful.

Pathfinder continued to build on several of the efforts that were launched during the previous school year, including:

- Expansion of the mandatory portfolio requirement in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen and the continued investigation of the use of digital portfolios
- Reinstitution of the Renaissance Program and the continuation of the trimester system for 2009-10
- Continued on-site staff development in cooperation with Westfield State College for two courses to be offered in the Spring 2010 semester
- Training in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and OSHA for students and staff as appropriate

Municipal and Community Projects:

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for junior and senior students. These projects also constitute a major portion of the school's commitment to local town departments. The following list is a sample of such efforts completed over the past year:

- Automotive Technology performed services on the Palmer Police Dare Cruiser.
- Auto Collision Technology students performed services on a trailer for the State Division of Standards. They also removed decals from a retiring police cruiser.
- Auto Collision students and their instructor organized and ran the Annual Pathfinder Car Show, an event that benefits the Skills USA Program at Pathfinder.
- Auto Reconditioning students continued to service vehicles for police, highway, fire and water districts in member towns.
- Building Services students provided regular maintenance activities at the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce office and in the Pathfinder building.
- The Cosmetology Program held a "Spa Day" at the Palmer Senior Center. Students gave facials, manicures and pedicures. Students also participated on their own time in a fund raiser to raise scholarship money in memory of a former cosmetology student. Students also participated in a fund raiser to raise money for a Pathfinder student who needed a kidney transplant.
- Health Program students participated in the Wing Memorial/Palmer Ambulance Disaster Drill in June 2009.
- The Horticulture Program did landscape work at the Three Rivers Post Office and the 2nd Congregational Church in Palmer.
- Culinary Arts students and instructors planned, prepared and served meals for the numerous local and civic events. They continue to assist in the preparation of meals for the Elderly Lunch Program at Pathfinder.
- Machine Technology students finished the sign for the Ware Town Hall. Students continued to make the popular aluminum cribbage boards that are donated to local charity fund raising programs.
- The Pathfinder Electronics Program hosted the State "F.I.R.S.T." Tech. Challenge Robotics competition. This year's competition drew 27 teams from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine and Trondheim-Norway. Nearly 700 people visited the competition during the day. Volunteers (97) from our students, community, industry professionals and more than 50 Pathfinder staff made the event a success.

The school's Cooperative Education Program allows eligible seniors and juniors, in the second half of the school year, to receive a paid career-related job experience in lieu of attending their vocational program at the school. This "real world" opportunity allows them to improve upon their previously established work ethics and basic skills. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned a fair wage and were exposed to a wide array of technical experiences. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced their skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance with their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. To be considered and remain on the program, students must demonstrate above average grades, attendance, and discipline.

The downturn in the economy has made student placement difficult to impossible in some of the trade areas. This year, 12 students participated in the program. The senior graduates accounted for 9 of these placements. After graduation 5 students were hired as full time employees with 2 of the 5 attending college part time. One student continues working on a part time scheduling while attending college full time. The remaining students left their placement at graduation to pursue other opportunities. Three juniors were placed by the end of the school year in continued employment through the summer on a full time basis. We are committed to providing our students with this invaluable "real world" experience and will continue to work with the local community for placement opportunities.

Student Body

Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2009 totaled 661 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 83; Granby 21; Hardwick 18; Monson 96; New Braintree 6; Palmer 195; Ware 104; and Warren 55. The remaining 83 students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow and Oakham respectively. The 661 figure in October represents an increase of 38 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2008.

The Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received over 300 applications for September, 2009 admission. Of the applications received, 250 represented applicants for the 180 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Parents of students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In October and November Pathfinder's Guidance Department visited the 8th graders in our member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to attend a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in these tours than the previous year. The summer Youth Enrichment Program continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's newly designed website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process, and a copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a

cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end-of-the-year drawing for prizes like music systems and gift cards. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts, assistance from the school committee, as well as generous donations from local businesses. Recently, many faculty members have become involved by providing classroom incentives and rewards for Renaissance card holders.

At the twenty-third Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Patrick Jessop of Monson represented Pathfinder. Patrick, a culinary arts student, excelled in his classes and was valedictorian of the graduating class. With a cumulative GPA of 3.73, Patrick consistently earned high honors and Renaissance Gold Card recognition and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and excellence in culinary arts and academic studies, including excellence awards for English, Biology, and Integrated Science. Patrick was a multi-sport varsity team participant—football, wrestling, and golf. He was named to the league all-star first team, second team all scholastic, and received the coaches' award for Football in 2007. In his senior year he was named captain of the football team, repeated his selection to the first team all-stars, was named to the first team all-scholastic, and was named the team's most valuable player. Patrick is scheduled to attend Bridgewater State College and major in criminal justice with plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Melissa Sullivan of Palmer was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the 2009 Massachusetts Vocational Association's Student Achievement Award. Melissa is a graduate of Pathfinder's electrical program, receiving that department's top award—the REDI Kilowatt: Outstanding Student in Electricity in her senior year. Academically she received awards for outstanding achievement in English, chemistry, and Holocaust Studies. Melissa was elected captain of the soccer team in her senior year and was named to the Springfield *Republican's* All-Scholastic team and was named a McScholar Athlete.

In June 2009, the graduating class of 116 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises, held for the first time on Friday evening. Approximately 40% of the graduates had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, about 25 % planned to enter the workforce, while 9% had made commitments to serve in the military. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Additionally, seniors successfully participated in the Early College program offered through one of the local community colleges.

Over \$60,000 in scholarships was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2009. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as

private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

Student Affairs and Athletics

There were many student activities from January through December. Many groups ran fundraisers in order to supplement their funds for field trips and other activities. Fundraisers included dances, Valentine chocolates, and the annual citrus sale. The Junior/Senior classes had a very successful breakfast at Sts. Peter and Paul's church hall.

The Renaissance program rewarded students for maintaining excellent grades and improving grades for first and second trimester. There were 357 students in total that received Renaissance cards. The Renaissance raffle was held on senior class day where prizes such as a DVD player, a flat screen television and multiple Wal-Mart gift cards – the largest of which was worth \$200 – were awarded.

In October, the school sponsored a "Jeans and Pink for the Cause", the proceeds of which were donated to the Susan Korman Foundation for breast cancer research. The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive organized by the Student Council collected sufficient food and money to help 35 families through Valley Human Services.

The year's activities continued with the annual Red Cross Blood Drive in April. Thanks to the enthusiastic support of our student donors, the drive was a huge success. Sophomores also received their class rings at a "Ring Breakfast" on April 30th. May brought the annual parent information/ ring night presented to interested parents by Balfour, the class ring agent. Many parents attended from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in order to obtain information about ordering class rings for next year's sophomores. Also in May our mentor group organized the "Mock Accident" for juniors and seniors just prior to prom season. As usual, it was a very somber presentation that brought to light more awareness about drinking and driving. The Junior Prom was held on May 8th at the Knights of Columbus in Chicopee. May continued to be a busy month with induction to the National Honor Society on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. Academic/Vocational awards night was on May 14th, attended by students' friends and family members. The first annual "Coffee House/Open Mike" night had many students showcasing their talent with poetry and music. June ended the school year with graduation on a Friday night at 6 p.m.

Athletics

Once again Pathfinder saw over 200 students participate in our various athletic teams. In addition, 2009 showed a larger increase in the number of freshman participants, which should provide for a positive future. Highlights for the year include:

- The girls' soccer team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- Kyle Simard finished 2nd in the Western Mass Division 3 Golf Tournament and went on to place in the top ten at the State Golf Tournament.
- The girls' basketball team qualified for the State Vocational and Western Mass Tournaments.
- The softball team was Tri-County League co-champions and State Vocational Tournament Finalists. In addition, they qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- The following students were named to the *Republican's* All Scholastic First Team in their respective sports: Tylor Richardson – Football; Megan Masko – Softball; Betsy Vadnais – Softball; Kyle Simard – Golf.
- Pat Jessop and Chelsey Manley were chosen as the Outstanding Senior Athletes of the school year.

Special Services

During 2009, the Special Education Department continued to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of all learners in grades 9-12 and to the students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency.

Special Education chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for forty-seven (47) students in the MVIP Program and one hundred eighty-five (185) students in grade 9-12. The Department also continued to be responsible for approximately forty (40) students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes fifteen (15) professionally licensed teachers, seven (7) paraprofessionals, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Adjustment Counselor, and Occupational Therapist.

The Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, passed in 1990 and revised in 2004, recognizes the importance of educating students with special needs in classrooms with their peers. This practice is commonly referred to as "inclusion". More than thirty years of research shows that students with disabilities who participate in general education classes—with proper special education supports, language supports, and accommodations—dramatically improve their performance. Therefore, inclusion has become part of what it means to have a "highly-qualified" education at Pathfinder.

The MVIP Program operated with forty-seven (47) students. All six shops continued to offer instruction closely coordinated with the Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program continued to include:

- **Office Business:** Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services:** Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture:** Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning:** Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they prepare this service to the public.
- **Food Services:** Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations:** Students learn to maintain the patients' environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a support role in the aligned area. At graduation exercises in June, nine (9) MVIP students received their certificates.

Given the results of the District's Coordinated Program Review, conducted in the spring of 2009, the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) indicates all district documents that reference the MVIP program will be revised. Elimination of a separate application for the MVIP program and the revision of the MVIP brochure to eliminate procedures that limit student access to all academic and vocational programs -- will be a main focus for the Department.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Source	Amount	Acquisitions/ Products
Private Donation	\$2,000	1 aerodyne Bike, 1 Circuit Machine
Planet Fitness	\$5,040	1,680 pounds of plastic coated easy access weights
ARRA Emergency Stimulus Funds	\$537,766	Replenish shortfall
Pathfinder Booster Club	\$1,000	4 sets of sideline headsets
NEPAC – New England Patriots Alumni Association	\$500	4 sets of sideline headsets
Special Education Grant	\$226,910	1 Math, 1 ELA inclusion model teacher, evals, ESPED. materials
Special Ed Improvement Grant	\$2,500	ELA Inclusion training
Special Ed – ARRA	\$84,936	Pilot <i>Understanding Your Disability and Taking Responsibility for Your Own Education</i> project – Fund SPED position
Title I – ARRA	\$44,496	Quadrant D Staff Training, Summer Transition Program, Further BC Collaboration
Title I	\$152,459	ELA and Math Inclusion instructor. Shop week ELA tutor
Teacher Quality	\$29,647	Retain highly qualified Staff Member
Technology	\$3,200	Renew Renaissance/Read 180 License for Reading Lab
WIA – Year Round	\$79,205	Provide meaningful summer jobs for 32 participants and year round jobs for 4.
WIA – Stimulus	\$80,822	Provide meaningful summer jobs for 50 participants
Academic Support	\$23,660	MCAS PREP and remediation for 30 Pathfinder 9th Graders
Carl Perkins Funds	\$89,866	Hire Drafting/CAD Teacher, <i>Project Lead the Way</i> , Professional Development
Total	\$1,364,007	

Special Programs

The Summer Youth Enrichment Program served 90 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for three one-week sessions between July 13th and July 31st. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, electronics, environmental explorers, photography & web design, Vex robotics, nursing, and

sustainable science. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports, games, or crafts in the afternoon.

The program faced a unique challenge this year. Because of a cafeteria remodeling project, the culinary program—the most popular offering-- did not run because of the construction.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance was required for completing the program. In order for the program to remain self-sufficient and to be competitive with other area programs, the course fee—which had remained unchanged for the past 5 years-- was raised to \$165. Fifteen academic courses were offered for grades 8-12.

Additionally, a vocational related theory program was offered during the last week of June. The combined summer school enrollment included 150 students from 9 school districts.

Faculty and Staff

Except for the grant funded positions in drafting and mathematics, the number of staff in 2009-10 remained essentially unchanged, but Pathfinder experienced an increasing number of retirements. In June, the school said farewell to Robert Goodrich (English), Alison Rokosz (Math), David Koziol (Carpentry), and George Champoux (Autobody).

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Association for Career & Technical Education, he is one of three Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators. At their fall conference held in September, he was honored to be selected for the Distinguished Service Award for 2008-09.

Budget and Finance

The school committee adopted a FY10 budget of \$12,262.460. All eight of the District's member communities subsequently approved their assessments. Consequently, the budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

The vulnerability of reimbursement for regional school transportation in the current economic climate was a continuing concern throughout the year. That concern was justified when the Governor made cuts of approximately 62% to that account. Happily those funds were restored when the state's revenues improved toward the end of 2009. However, the prospect still remains for reduced regional transportation aid in FY11.

The following chart illustrates the FY10 assessments to each member community.

**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS
2009-2010**

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	SHARE MVIP Program	ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION	SHARE OF REGULAR CAPITAL	5th year of 5 year CAPITAL PLAN	TRANSPORTATION	TOTAL
Belchertown	469,907	42,972	171,002	9,852	14,258	55,004	762,996
Granby	169,006	8,594	54,626	3,147	6,156	17,751	259,100
Hardwick	89,235	8,594	35,626	2,052	2,245	11,459	149,212
Monson	490,783	77,350	178,128	10,262	8,127	57,296	821,946
N. Braintree	23,960		7,125	410	813	2,292	34,600
Palmer	1,035,404	137,511	425,131	24,493	10,901	136,745	1,770,185
Ware	538,003	51,567	211,378	12,178	7,894	67,991	889,010
Warren	218,384	17,189	116,377	6,705	4,196	37,433	400,283
Total	3,034,682	343,778	1,199,392	69,100	54,590	385,790	5,087,332

Concluding Statement

The school committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The committee intends to continue the effort to add the town of Oakham to the District. By the end of December, voters in Oakham had acted to become a member town. That was followed closely by approval by the Palmer Town Council and by town meeting voters in Monson, Ware, and New Braintree.

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY11 fiscal picture will undoubtedly be as bad if not worse than FY10. Despite this bleak outlook, however, the challenge will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
 Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
 Michael O'Connor, Belchertown
 Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby (through November 2009)
 William E. Johnson, Granby
 Robert J. Dupuis, Hardwick
 Gail A. Roberts, Monson (through October 2009)
 Duncan Stewart, New Braintree
 David Droz, Palmer
 M. Barbara Ray, Ware
 Thomas Rugani, Warren

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Department of Public Works (DPW)

The best way to describe the Department of Public Works' year was busy and difficult. We worked tirelessly to meet the challenge of a wide variety of issues on behalf of the Town with less than adequate resources while the demands and expectations placed upon us continue to expand. It was also a year of transition and growth, once again demonstrating a healthy organic organization. And finally it was a successful year because we continued to succeed in a manner that is both appropriate and fiscally responsible. We are proud of the fact that our report reflects these continued successes and accomplishments.

The planning and design efforts for the reconstruction of Route 181, and portions of Three Rivers Road (South Main Street, and North Washington Street) progressed slowly. The 25% design plans for the Three Rivers Road project were essentially put on hold so our efforts could be directed to the Rt. 181 reconstruction project. These plans advanced fully to the 75% phase and we are addressing comments provided by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

In accordance with the recommendations provided by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) we began planning for improvements at the Main Street/ Maple Street/Jabish Street intersection. The Department's project request was approved by the Massachusetts Highway Department and our 25% design plans are currently under their review.

The Massachusetts Highway Department completed the replacement of the South Street Bridge spanning the Jabish Brook. They also began preparations for the resurfacing of Route 9, from the Amherst Town line to the Ware Town line.

In accordance with the Town's Master Plan the Department worked cooperatively with the School Department to enhance recreational access at the newly acquired Foley Field, which was part of the former State School property.

The Town's interest in becoming a "green community" has led to several noteworthy accomplishments and activities throughout the year - some of which are ongoing. First, the Buildings Division Foreman Dave Clegg and I attended training and received Building Operator Certifications through the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council. The Department applied for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding through the Department of Energy Resources to potentially complete a series of energy efficiency measures at our Waste Water Treatment Facility, Fire Station, and Town Hall. We compiled a two-year inventory of the energy use in our 35 non-school facilities thus establishing a baseline to evaluate the effectiveness of conservation measures.

Our Safety Committee was busy this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Blood born Pathogens, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, Right-to-know, Safety 101 (basic PPE), Driving/Snowplow operation, Respirators, and Winter Safety.

The Department's individual divisions also completed a variety of other projects that I will describe below:

Highway Division



The Highway Division's activities during the beginning of the year consisted of treating the roads with de-icing agents and plowing snow. From the beginning of January through the middle of March, a total of 15 storm events occurred leaving behind a total of 44.75 inches of snow and ice, 10.25 inches more than the same period in 2008

During the 2008/2009-snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was \$5,079, approximately 12% lower than the 2007/2008 season (\$ 5,750). The total cost for the season: \$ 353,011.86.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs, cleaning catch basins, sweeping, line painting, repairing equipment, and preparing roads for resurfacing. In addition, the crew repaired potholes during ten months of the year, shoveling approximately 650 tons of blacktop. That's enough to pave a ten-foot wide strip an inch deep over two miles.

The division was responsible for the following resurfacing projects:

Mill Valley Road	2,446 feet
Allen Street	2,100 feet
Old Pelham Road	500 feet
Boardman Street	1,020 feet
Barton Ave	1,025 feet
Maple Crest Drive	500 feet
Green Ave	500 feet
North Liberty Street	183 feet
Barrett Street	500 feet
Bardwell Street	13,750 feet
Howard Street	2,240 feet
George Hannum Street	5,200 feet
Warren Wright Street	7,673 feet
North Washington Street	852 feet

Crack sealing was performed at the following locations:

Jackson Street	1,435 feet
Old Springfield Road	2,600 feet

Drainage repairs and maintenance were conducted at the following locations:

South Street
Ledgewood Drive
Franklin Street

Clearing of brush and removal of accumulated silt was conducted at the following detention basins:

Pendleton Road
Hemlock Hollow
George Hannum Street
North Washington Street

Our 2009/2010 snow removal activities began in December. An additional 15 inches of snow and ice fell over six storms. As of the date of this report, the average cost per inch of accumulating precipitation has not been calculated, that figure will be included in next year's report.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 139,900,000 gallons of wastewater this past year, significantly lower than what was received in 2008 (186,700,000 gallons). They also had 19 new connections during the year, four of them were from within the new Tri-Lakes sewer system, and 15 of them came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1,628 equivalent dwelling units.

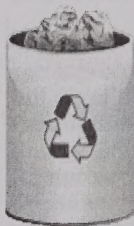
The reduction in sewerage flow is most certainly due to the completion of two projects aimed at reducing inflow and infiltration (I&I) into our collection system. F&J Incorporated of Ludlow, MA completed the Jackson Street sewer replacement project first at a total cost of \$1,423,890.53. By the end of the summer, Baltazar Contractors, Inc., also of Ludlow, for the amount of \$506,993.77, completed the Howard Street project.

We also completed the fourth year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection network. 2009 activities included revisions to the sewer maps, visual inspections of trouble areas, low flow observations, video inspections, and flow monitoring.

As part of our energy efficiency initiative the plant underwent a lighting upgrade to more efficient fixtures, and replaced two electric motors with National Electricity Manufacturers Association (NEMA) rated high efficiency models.

Transfer Station

The Town's Hamilton Street Transfer Station remained active throughout 2009. A total of 1,671 households participated in our program and the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated:



- 455.47 tons of commingled containers, paper and cardboard
- 1,150 gallons of waste oil
- 325 tires
- 800.19 tons of solid waste
- 36.7 tons of electronics
- 63.9 tons of scrap steel
- 13.6 tons of textile
- 1,088 tons of compostables/organics

Please note that our quantities went down this year. This is attributed to the overall economy, and is also largely due to increased use of electronic media to replace newspaper and junk mail. Also, newspaper and magazine sizes have decreased (less advertising). There has also been a reduction of steel and plastic packaging (water bottles, detergent bottles, etc) too.

Transfer Station fees did not increase in 2009. Our disposal and transportation costs associated with solid waste collected at the facility decreased so the full year permit remained at \$90.00, with a \$15 discount for senior citizens over 65. A bundle of ten large trash bags remained at \$14.50 and a bundle of ten small trash bags still cost \$11.00.

Cemetery Division

The Cemetery Division conducted a total of 25 burials, 10 of which were cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair.

Price changes reflecting a one time Veterans grave fee have been incorporated along with a new row of cremation lots located at the Hillcrest, South, and Lake Vale Cemeteries. The addition of these cremation lots provides a two-fold purpose; providing a discounted price for those financially stressed while utilizing space saving real estate.

The Belchertown Cemetery lists deceased have been accounted for, and a database has now been compiled with recordings as far back as 1907. All Cemetery Deeds have now been compiled onto a Master List consisting of 563 entries and Burial Certificates & Disposition, Removals and/or Transportation Permits have been compiled onto a Master List consisting of 1600 entries.

The department also received funding through the Community Preservation Grant program to repair the vault at the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Division

The Buildings and Grounds Division was very busy during this past year, caring for 32 town buildings and approximately 200 acres of open space, cemeteries and athletic fields. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, listed below:

- Repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to reestablish the turf.
- Removed brush and trees from the Lake Wallace Dam.
- Removed vegetation and marked the Blue Dot trail which runs through the Jabish brook Conservation Area.
- Installed heat tape on the Police Station and Senior Center roofs.
- Cleared vegetation from the parking areas located at the Topping Farm and Scarboro Brook Conservation areas.
- Painted the exterior of the Belchertown Day School.
- Assisted with the repairs at the Austin-Gaughan recreation area.
- Assisted with the restoration of the playing fields and the construction of a new parking area at Foley Field.
- Assisted the Department of Energy Resources with the energy audits that were conducted at the Town Hall, Fire Station, and Waste Water Treatment Plant.



Tree and Vegetation Control

The Department supervised the removal of 48 trees consisting of the following varieties: 13 oak, 6 ash, 3 pine, 1 spruce, 1 cherry, 1 apple and 21 maples. All of these trees were either diseased, damaged, or diseased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter.

The Department also conducted its annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed, and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

Concluding Statement

The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors who support us, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work.

Donna Lusignan, Administrative Assistant
Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Supervisor
Walter Bosworth, Highway Div. Supervisor
Darin Braese, Highway Div. Operator I
Ed Burton, Highway Div. Foreman
Michelle Burns, Custodian
Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
David Clegg, Maintenance Foreman
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor
Ed Dussault, Highway Div. Operator I
Chris Elias, DPW Laborer
Edward Forgette, Highway Div. Mechanic
Hal Freeman, Highway Div. Operator I

Debra Giammarino, Custodian
John Grossman, Laborer
Steve Harris, Highway Div. Operator II
Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II
Tom Hathaway, Laborer
Michael Jamgochian, DPW Laborer
Michael Laporte, WWTP Laborer
Denis Lessard, Highway Div. Operator II
Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
Joe Michalak, Transfer Station Foreman
Leo Peet, Highway Div. Operator I
Lenny Russell, Laborer
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation - Belchertown

In 2009 the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued to focus on community economic development issues, particularly through assistance to small businesses. The board of directors of the BAC includes a representative appointed by the Selectmen from each of the fifteen participant towns. Belchertown was represented by Greg Galanek through June and Krista Wilson as of July 1. We extend our sincere appreciation to Greg for his many years of service on the Board; he has been a great asset to local small businesses.

The BAC makes small business loans using funds from a CDBG grant through the Town of Palmer for the benefit of fourteen towns in the region. The BAC also has a line of credit with seven area banks: Bank of America, Country Bank for Savings, FamilyFirst Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank and Spencer Savings Bank. In 2009 seven loans were approved totaling \$216,000. These loans were in the following towns: Brimfield, Brookfield, Monson, Palmer, Ware and Warren.

The CDC continued to provide direct assistance to small businesses throughout the year, interacting with 100 businesses within the region. Of these, 60 received at least one hour of individual business technical assistance with an average of 9.7 hours each. In some cases this was in-house business planning assistance. In other cases it was outside consulting with attorneys, accountants, computer specialists, bookkeepers and marketing consultants. All was underwritten by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Business Development. In the Town of Belchertown, 14 businesses were assisted.

Computer training to businesses, employees and the general public continued through the CDC in 2009 in three locations: Palmer, Ware and Brimfield. Seventy-one individuals received training, including five from Belchertown. Of these five, three received full scholarships in the form of fee waivers to income-eligible persons.

The two organizations continued to be supported by local municipalities, libraries and banks. Three banks supported new fundraising efforts this year totaling over \$100,000. They are Country Bank for Savings, North Brookfield Savings and FamilyFirst Bank.

Residents are encouraged to contact the CDC with business financing, training or technical assistance needs by calling 413-967-3001 or visiting the website: www.qvcdc.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rutherford
Executive Director

Scholarship Committee

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Scholarship Fund c/o the Town of Belchertown's Collector's Office or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payment via the designated portion of their tax bill.

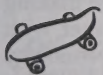
The Committee has the following voluntary members: Emmanuel Haqq, Clare Popowich, Michael O'Connor, Theresa Glanville, Simon James, Keith Poulin and Dr. Judith Houle; Sharon Barnett and Richard Pazasis left the Committee in 2009 after a number of years of dedicated service. Thank you.

We did not award scholarship funds in 2009 because of the lack of contributions in the prior year. We started 2009 with \$707.51 in the account. In 2009 we received \$286.47 in contributions and \$19.18 in interest. We closed the year with a balance of \$1,013.16. Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Skate Park Committee



The 2009 season saw continued heavy use of our park by local residents and visitors from surrounding towns.

During May the Committee acquired several indoor ramps from The Ramp Farm when they moved out of their Palmer location. Members of the Committee donated the funds to purchase them and used approximately 25% of its annual budget to get them into good order.

During June, the Park hosted a Jam Session organized by local residents and sponsored by Fat Trax Skate and Board Shop of Longmeadow. Over 40 people entered the competition and dozens of other riders of all ages enjoyed riding as well.

September saw one big change as our own "Skater Dave" Belknap stepped down from his full committee membership to associate in favor of Ed Lofland. As everyone has seen this year, Ed has been a tireless worker and always turns up when something needs doing. Following in the family tradition is Ed's son Cory, a member of the Fat Trax team who was responsible for getting their sponsorship of the Jam.

Following last year's decision the Park remains open this winter so long as weather allows. The relatively snow free winter has so far allowed good use of our facility for those who brave the cold, and there are quite a few.

In spring we plan to expend the balance of our budget and any new allotment of funds to replace the top covering of our ramps. This will extend their life and provide a safer and more enjoyable experience for all riders.

The Committee has also passed a few rules of note. We have added a non-smoking policy inside the gates of the Park. We believe that as a sports facility geared towards youth, it is an appropriate decision. Also having observed the amount of damage they can create in a very short time, we have banned the use of "razor scooters". We found out the hard way that these small wheeled machines will punch through 1/2" plywood when landed hard and that the metal frames are quite hard on ramp edgings.

We continue to maintain our commitment to the Park and especially the youth of our community. To help the Committee continue in coming years, members will be responsible for finding a replacement for themselves if they want to resign. If unable to find a replacement, the Chairman of the Committee will be notified and will advertise on the Town's cable access channel.

The Committee is made up by the following individuals: Bradford Rose, Chairman; Christine Shaw; Vice-chairwoman; Ed Lofland; Laura Tan; Nancy Voyer, as well as many associate members.

The Committee would like to thank the Selectmen, Building Inspector, Department of Public Works, Belchertown Public Safety (Fire, Police, EMT), Town Administrator Gary Brougham, Ace Hardware/Lumber, and an especially big thanks to Fat Trax Skate and Board Shop!

Prepared and submitted by,
Brad Rose, Chairman

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

The Committee focused on the follow up to the contract with Charter Communications, which was signed November 2007. Since this contract is only five years in length, we have been making plans for the next rounds of negotiations with Charter. As part of that effort, we met with Charter's Government Relations Liaison. Our attention will also turn to broader technology issues for the Town in the upcoming year.

Membership: The makeup of the Committee stands as follows:

Lew Louraine
Joe Gohra

James Burke
Paul Nelson

Christofer deHahn
Frank Lomanno

The membership is now at one less than full complement and we hope to fill that position this year. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included: Frank Lomanno – Chair; Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations; Christofer deHahn – Secretary

Liaisons: The liaison member between the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen is Michael Reardon. We are pleased to have Mike as a liaison to the Committee, given his familiarity with Town government and issues.

Meetings: Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address: Our Committee's Town email address (telecom@belchertown.org) serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Web Site: Along with up-to-date news, the site contains the membership, Mission Statement, the Annual Report and other related links and contacts. The page can be accessed through the Town of Belchertown's home page: <http://belchertown.org/> or directly at <http://belchertown.org/committees/telecom/index.htm>.

Charter Contract: The Town will receive over \$375,000 over the life of the license of our previous contract. The contract term is for five years, as opposed to, the normal ten year contracts. With pending cable legislation in Federal and State Government, the Committee believed five years gave us the necessary time to react to any new legislation. We also felt that technology changing so rapidly that a ten year license could be seriously outdated and constrain the Town by the expiration date.

Our contract is coming up for renewal, as we are in the third year of our five year contract. In order to better prepare for our next series of contract talks with Charter, we invited Charter's Government Relations Liaison, Tom Cohan, to meet with the Committee. Mr. Cohan is new to this position and the Committee wanted to touch base, as we will be dealing him in the upcoming months we met on November 19, 2009 at the channel 5 studios and discussed a range of topics.

One of the major discussion points was the status of Charter's bankruptcy and its resolution. Tom assured us that Charter was able to resolve the issues surround this matter, and no disruption in service is expected. We discussed the upcoming contract and new technologies for the future. We both agreed that we have sufficient time to look into this further. Another topic was Charter's stand on the net neutrality bill in Congress. It was unclear from our conversations that Charter will support this measure.

Other: We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for their assistance in maintaining our email and Web site for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity

of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Consumer Division
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: (617) 305-3531 or 1-800-392-6066
Email: Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chairman
Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Town Government Study Committee

The Town Government Study Committee typically met twice monthly with the focus being on community outreach and providing opportunities for citizens to communicate their thoughts, ideas, and feelings about town government.

This was an active and productive year, despite significant challenges. Two members resigned in the previous year, and vacancies were not immediately published. The members who left were dynamic and had contributed greatly to the work at hand. This created a hardship on the Committee in part because of the loss of the contributions of these members, and because with five members having a quorum (four members) was challenging due to work requirements, illnesses, travel, and holidays. The Chairperson met with the Board of Selectmen and discussed this issue. The Board of Selectmen published vacancies, but no one volunteered. In February, the Committee authorized the Chairperson to write to the Board of Selectmen requesting that the size of the Committee be officially reduced so that three members would constitute a quorum. The Board of Selectmen approved this request and the Committee was then able to hold official meetings.

The Committee devoted a considerable amount of time and effort preparing materials for a formal survey by developing questions and areas to be surveyed. Unfortunately, the organization that committed itself to assist by conducting the survey and analyzing the results became unavailable at the time the survey was to be developed. It was then too late to recruit an alternative resource, as this would have delayed the Committee's work by six months to a year. The Committee decided, reluctantly, to forgo a formal survey and to begin the final report with data gathered by other means.

The web site was useful in that minutes of meeting were posted and available to the public. The Committee had planned to use this site for other purposes, including on line surveys, but this did not occur.

The Committee was able to provide citizens with a number of ways and opportunities to express themselves regarding town government. These included:

- Employee interviews: The committee created an employee questionnaire, approved by the Board of Selectmen, and conducted individual interviews with individuals employed by, or involved significantly with the town operations.
- Public Forums: These were held on October 8, and 21, 2009. The Committee created a power point presentation, an agenda, and created a packet for attendees. It then publicized

these with press releases, community cable television announcements, a newspaper article, phone calls, notices on bulletin boards, the announcement board on the common, and word of mouth.

- A direct email address: The Committee provided an email address for citizens to contact members about town government.
- Informal interviews with business owners and citizens: Members of the Committee used opportunities in conversations with those in their daily lives to gather data.
- The Committee contributed articles to the Sentinel on a regular basis to keep citizens informed about activities.
- Members of the Committee attended all Town Meetings unless they were out of town or ill.
- John Appleton, of the Republican, interviewed the Chairperson in late December 2009, and an article is pending.
- The Committee continued to gather information from other towns that have the Open Town Meeting form of government.
- The Committee began to organize and plan for the final report, with the target deadline being April 2010.

The members of this Committee have worked diligently as a cohesive team, and have continually demonstrated their dedication to this project for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Freeman, Chairperson
Town Government Study Committee

Veterans' Graves

For the year 2009, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239, and VFW Post 8428 for their assistance in flagging Mt. Hope and South Cemeteries.

Also, a thank you to Troop 57 Scouts, Brandon Leighton and Tyler Keefe for their assistance in a historical verification of grave markers at five of our eight cemeteries.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used to have a Black Wrought Iron fence installed at Lake Vale Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2009 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal veterans' benefits to veterans and their families due to the struggling economy. The Veterans' Advisory Board continues to provide valuable assistance to my office concerning veteran issues and planned veteran activities in our town.

The Middle East War Memorial was engraved with the names of Belchertown residents who have severed in the Middle East in time for our 2009 Veterans' Day ceremony. The VFW and my office are still accepting DD 214's for qualified names to be placed on the Middle East War Memorial. My office also assisted in obtaining a grave marker for a Belchertown Civil War veteran- Surgeon George F. Thomson.

Future plans for 2010 would include public outreach programs for getting the word out on State and Federal veterans' benefits. My office will continue to work with various Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our soldiers and their families.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2009, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local veterans' of available State and/or Federal programs.

I wish to thank the veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year the Board of Appeals received two applications for Special Permits, and one Appeal. One Special Permit has been granted the other was withdrawn. The one Appeal had been denied.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Galanek, Chairman
Rich Barry, Vice Chairman
Ray Goff, Member
Bernadette Harrigan, Associate
David Lucey, Associate
Robert Hislop, Associate



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 11, 2009 at the Belchertown High School

Veterans Memorial Auditorium

FY09

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

Registered voters present – 89 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to reduce the following line items in the annual budget for fiscal year 2009 by the following amounts:

• Police Department Wage	\$15,000.00
• Highway Department Wage	\$10,000.00
• Council on Aging Wage	\$7,000.00
• Inspection Services Wage	\$1,500.00
• Recreation Department Expense	\$600.00
• Town Beach Expense	\$900.00
• Schools #1000 Expense	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
	\$85,000.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 2 Voted to reduce the Town Share – Health Insurance budget line item by \$125,000.00.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$125,000.00 to the Town Share – Health Insurance account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to transfer the sums as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Free Cash	\$199,100.00	Snow Removal
Computer Department Salary	\$8,800.00	Computer Department Wage
Printing Annual Reports	\$300.00	Hydrant Service
Everett Ave. Building	\$2,500.00	Tadgell/MEMA Building
Police Wage	\$5,000.00	Unemployment Expense
Highway Wage	\$7,500.00	Unemployment Expense
Council on Aging Wage	\$5,000.00	Unemployment Expense

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Printing Annual Reports	\$120.00	EDIC Expense
General Insurance	\$21,100.00	Town Share–Health Insurance
General Insurance	\$3,500.00	Town Share–Medicare
Sewer Enterprise Expense	\$151.00	Sewer Enterprise Interest
Highway Wage	\$3,500.00	Streets/Construction
Computer Department Salary	\$4,000.00	Streets/Construction
Workers' Compensation	\$7,500.00	Streets/Construction
Senior Center Building	\$1,000.00	Recreation Building
Police Station	\$1,000.00	Recreation Building

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer from the Dog Officer Expense Account the sum of \$11.56 to pay the following unpaid bill of a prior year:

- Countryside Animal Hospital: \$ 11.56

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to transfer from the CPA Administrative Account the sum of \$1,245.00 money to pay the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

- Kopelman and Paige, P.C.: \$1,171.50
- Kopelman and Paige, P.C.: \$ 73.50

(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:16PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 11, 2009
FY09**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	(\$85,000.00)	(15,000.00) from Police Dept. Wage (10,000.00) from Highway Dept Wage (7,000.00) from Council on Aging Wage (1,500.00) from Inspection Services Wage (600.00) from Recreation Dept. Expense (900.00) from Town Beach Expense (50,000.00) from School #1000 Expense		
2	(\$125,000.00)	(125,000.00) from Town Share-Health Ins.		
3	\$125,000.00		125,000.00 to Town Share-Health Insurance	
4	\$270,071.00		199,100.00 to Snow Removal	8,800.00 from Computer Dept Salary to Computer Dept Wage 300.00 from Printing Annual Reports to Hydrant Service 2,500.00 from Everett Ave. Building to Tadgett/MEMA Building 5,000.00 from Police Wage to Unemployment Expense 7,500.00 from Highway Wage to Unemployment Expense 5,000.00 from Council on Aging Wage to Unemployment Expense 120.00 from Printing Annual Reports to

				EDIC Expense 21,100.00 from General Insurance to Town Share-Health Ins. 3,500.00 from General Insurance to Town Share-Medicare 151.00 from Sewer Enterprise Exp to Sewer Enterprise Interest 3,500.00 from Highway Wage to Streets/Construction 4,000.00 from Computer Dept Salary to Streets/Construction 7,500.00 from Workers' Compensation to Streets/Construction 1,000.00 from Senior Ctr Building to Recreation Building 1,000.00 from Police Station to Recreation Building
5	11.56			11.56 from Dog Officer Exp to Countryside Animal Hospital for prior year unpaid bill
6	1,245.00			1,245.00 from CPA Administrative Acct to Kopelman & Paige, P.C. for prior year unpaid bill.
TOTAL	\$396,327.56 (\$210,000.00)		\$324,100.00 (\$210,000.00)	\$72,227.56

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 11, 2009 at the Belchertown High School
Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

FY10

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:35PM

Registered voters present – 251 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Miranda Barrett and Molly Brougham.

Selectman Michael J. Reardon introduced School Committee Chairman, Eric L. Weiss who presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Sharon D. Barnett.

Selectman Gerald A. Grasso presented the Employee of the Year Award to Raymond J. Janke, III.

Selectman Michael J. Reardon presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Richard A. Pazasis.

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Kenneth Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$7,500.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,519,451.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$1,534,451.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,537,769.00 and appropriate the sum of \$420,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$2,957,769.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
((Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,160,131.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$224,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$24,384,131.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$762,996.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,301,792.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$289,006.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$78,278.00 for a total appropriation of \$367,284.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$188,008.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$67,241.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,341,436.00 for a total appropriation of \$1,596,685.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$665,019.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$688,604.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$702,373.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,653,606.00, and appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$108,194.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$219,614.00, for a total appropriation of \$2,981,414.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,223.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,638,896.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to re-authorized the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectively.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	\$25,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	\$25,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	\$100,000	None

Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan, make the following changes:

In Classified Non-Exempt Employees:

ADD the following position:

- Shine Counselor/Social Services Assistant: Grade 7

CORRECT the Titles of the following positions:

- FROM Technical Administrative Assistant TO Technical Office Assistant
- FROM Fire Department Administrative Assistant TO Fire Department Administrative Secretary.

CHANGE SALARY in Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule

- Animal Inspector FROM \$1,500 TO \$20/inspection

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding a Right to Farm By-Law.

RIGHT TO FARM

Section 1. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, and all Commonwealth statutes and regulations thereunder, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9; Chapter 111, Section 125A; and, Chapter 128, Section 1A. This will serve to restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution (Home Rule Amendment).

The citizens of this town voted at a Special Town Meeting held on August 4, 1988, to accept Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1985, known as the Right to Farm Law, which is within the above mentioned statutory scheme.

Section 2. Definitions.

The word “farm” shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of “Agriculture” and “Agritourism”, as defined in the Belchertown Code 145-2, Definitions.

The Right to Farm includes, but is not limited to:

- production and processing of crops for generation of alternative energy and co-products;
- operation and transportation of all farm equipment over roads within the town;
- control of pests, including but not limited to insects, weeds, predators and disease organisms of plants and animals;
- tillage, cultivation and application of manure, fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides;
- cultivation and harvest of plants and animals accordingly to agricultural best management practices;
- conducting agriculture-related educational activities;
- conducting farm-based recreational activities, provided the activities are related to the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmers market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair and storage of farm equipment or apparatus;
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations;
- burning brush in accordance with state agricultural fire permit regulations (310 CMR 7.07);
- forest product production and activities necessary thereto;
- composting of plant and animal materials;
- construction and use of farm structures and facilities for the purpose of: storage of animal wastes, farm equipment, pesticides, fertilizers, agricultural products; livestock housing; processing of animal wastes and/or animal products; season extension or hydroponic production of agricultural products; sale of agricultural products; farm labor; construction and maintenance of fences; on-farm energy production equipment and structures; all as permitted by local and state building codes and regulations.

Section 3. Right to Farm Declaration.

The Right to Farm is recognized to exist in the Town of Belchertown. The above described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. The benefits and protections of the Bylaw are intended to apply exclusively to those agricultural and farming operations and activities. Moreover, nothing in this Bylaw shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation of local zoning law. This Bylaw does not supersede local, state or federal laws or regulations or private covenants.

Section 4. Awareness and Notification.

In order to allow prospective purchasers to make informed decisions prior to a sale of property and to promote harmony between farmers and their new neighbors, The Town of Belchertown requests selling landowners and/or their agents (and assigns) to provide written notice to prospective purchasers substantially as follows:

“It is the desire of the Town of Belchertown to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers that the property they are about to acquire lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Purchasing, and occupying land within Belchertown means that one should expect and accept such conditions as a normal and necessary aspect of living in Belchertown.”

The Belchertown Agricultural Commission will make available for use by selling landowners or their agents and assigns, copies of written example notification, and make suggestions on their dissemination for notification purposes.

Section 5. Resolution of Disputes

Any person having a complaint about a farm or farming activity or practice is encouraged to seek an amicable solution through resolution directly with the owner or operator of the farm at issue. Such person may also file a complaint with the Town Administrator, under this bylaw. This procedure is notwithstanding the pursuit of other available remedies through Town bylaws and regulations, State statutes and regulations, or legal remedy. The Town Administrator will forward farming complaints to the Agricultural Commission (and other town board or officer as appropriate). The Agricultural Commission will seek an amicable resolution through facilitating discussion between the parties, and will issue its recommendations to the Town Administrator.

Complaints about a farm or farming activity filed with other deliberative town boards and/or officials will be copied to the Agricultural Commission; as information only. The Commission will not intercede for a party in actions not placed before the Commission, but may present general information that may be beneficial to town boards and/or officials.

Section 6. Severability Clause

If any part of this bylaw is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this bylaw. The Town of Belchertown hereby declares the provisions of this bylaw to be severable.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to amend the Zoning ByLaw, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown concerning signs by deleting in its entirety Article VI, Signs, §145-22, and Article XIV, Business and Technology Park, Other Conditions, §145-78B by substituting the new §145-22 and §145-78B as printed below:

§ 145-22. Signs.

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to:

- (1) Ensure that signage does not contribute a visual blight upon the landscape and the character of the Town of Belchertown;
- (2) Maintain and enhance the aesthetic environments and the town's ability to attract sources of economic development;
- (3) Encourage signs which, by their location and design, are harmonious with the buildings and sites which they occupy, and which eliminate excessive and confusing sign display;
- (4) Improve pedestrian and traffic safety; and
- (5) Enable fair and consistent enforcement of these sign regulations.

B. Applicability

The provisions of this section shall apply to the construction, erection, alteration, use, illumination, location and maintenance of all signs located out-of-doors, including signs affixed on any part of a building, free-standing signs, and signs visible through windows from outside a building. Any sign in the Historic District must be approved by the Historic District Bylaw Commission prior to the grant of a permit

C. Definitions

As used herein this section 145-22, the following words and terms shall have and include the following respective meanings.

Awning Sign - A permanent sign affixed to or consisting of a permanent or retractable awning or marquee permanently mounted to the exterior surface of a building

Banner- A temporary sign, typically promoting special civic events sponsored by public or private not-for-profit organizations, usually made of lightweight fabric, plastic or other flexible materials and mounted on the face of a building or hung from a pole or suspended over a street.

Billboard - A large display advertising goods or services not necessarily sold where the sign is located.

Canopy - A sign painted on or incorporated into the cover of an awning, canopy or other fixed or retractable protective cover attached to a building or structure, and typically located over a door, entrance, window or outdoor service area.

Directory Sign- An on-premises sign identifying individual tenants or occupants of a building or group of buildings and that may indicate their respective professions or business activities.

Display area- The total surface area of a sign, including all lettering, wording, designs, symbols, background and frame, but not including any support structure or bracing incidental to the sign.

Electronic Variable Message Sign- An electrically activated sign or portion thereof whose alphabetic, pictographic or symbolic informational content can be changed or altered at intermittent intervals on a fixed display surface by means of computer-programmed electronic impulses, remote control or similar technology.

Erecting - Any installing, constructing, reconstructing, replacing, relocating or extending of a sign, but shall not include repairing, maintaining, relettering, or repainting of an existing sign.

Free-standing Sign- A self-supporting sign not attached to any building, wall, or fence, but in a fixed location. This does not include portable or trailer type signs.

Identification Sign- An off-premises sign which indicates the direction, distance to or general site location of a building, business development or geographic area. An Identification Sign may contain the name, address, logo, trademark or other generic identifying symbol of the building or development, but it does not list or advertise individual businesses or commercial enterprises within the development.

Illuminated Sign- Any sign artificially illuminated, either internally or externally, by means of electricity, gas, oil, or fluorescent paint.

Menu Board- A free-standing sign that displays menu items and prices that is located on the premises of a food service establishment offering drive-through window service.

Movable Sign- A sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure, or a sign designed to be transported, including but not limited to: portable signs mounted on a chassis and wheels; unregistered motor vehicles and trailers with signage; signs supported by legs including A frames or T frames; menu and sandwich board signs; and balloons and other inflatable devices used as signs. Movable signs are classified as temporary signs.

Off-Premises Sign- Any sign that directs attention to an occupant, business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location other than the lot on which the sign is located. See 145-22D(3)(f).

On-Premises Sign- Any sign that directs attention to an occupant, business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold, or offered at a location where the sign is erected or maintained.

Pennant/Flag- A flag or similar device hung on a pole or on the face of a building, decorated with graphics, designs, artwork, symbols and/ or lettering. Pennants that contain no commercial advertising messages, logos or symbols are not considered signs under this article. Bunting and patriotic flags, such as United States, Massachusetts or Town flags, are not considered signs and are exempt from this article.

Political Sign- A sign of a nonpermanent nature relating to a candidate for public office, an issue to be voted on at a town meeting or an election, or some other issue which may be of general concern, interest or controversy.

Projecting Sign- A sign which is permanently affixed to the exterior surface of a building or structure with the display area positioned perpendicular to the wall to which the sign is mounted. A projecting sign may be erected on a building provided the display area shall not exceed 12 square feet in the Business and Industrial Districts, 6 square feet in the Residential and Agricultural Districts. Projecting signs are prohibited in the Historic District. The thickness between sign faces shall not exceed 1 foot. A

projecting sign shall not project more than 3 feet from the face of a wall and maintain a minimum clearance of 8 feet over a walkway or sidewalk.

Roof Sign- A sign located above, or projected above, the lowest point of the eaves or the top of the parapet wall of any building, or which is painted on or fastened to a roof or parapet wall.

Special Event Sign- A temporary noncommercial promotional sign displayed for special events sponsored by religious, governmental or legitimate charitable organizations, which maybe in the form of a poster, banner or other nonpermanent or flexible device.

Temporary Sign- Any sign, including its support structure, not permanently mounted and is intended to be maintained for a reasonably short or definite period.

Wall Sign- Any sign which is painted on, incorporated into, or affixed parallel to, the wall of a building. The sign shall project no more than fifteen (15) inches out from the building. Mounting hardware shall be placed to minimize its visibility.

Window Sign- A sign affixed to the surface of a window (inside or outside) or displayed behind a window so as to attract attention from the outside.

D. General Regulations

(1) Permits

- (a) No new sign exceeding one square foot shall hereafter be erected, constructed or altered without the approval of the owner, rendered in accord with 780 CMR Art. 29, Sec. 2901.1, except as herein provided, and until after a permit has been issued by the Building Commissioner. All signs, wherever located, must be in conformity with the State Building Code.
- (b) Application. All applications for signs requiring a Sign Permit shall be made to the Building Commissioner using the Town of Belchertown's approved application form. The application must be signed by the owner of the sign and the owner of the lot where the sign is to be erected. The Building Commissioner shall have the authority to reject any Sign Permit application which is not complete when submitted.
- (c) Time Limitations. The Building Commissioner shall approve or disapprove any application for a Sign Permit within 30 days of receipt of the application. If the Building Commissioner should fail to approve or disapprove an application for a Sign Permit within such 30 day period, the application shall be deemed to be approved.
- (d) Fees. The Board of Selectmen shall establish and from time to time review a Sign Permit fee which shall be published as part of a Sign Permit application form and be paid to the Building Commissioner upon application for each sign permit issued under this Bylaw.

(2) Signs That Do Not Require a Sign Permit

- (a) Temporary construction signs. One temporary sign, not exceeding 10 square feet, except as required under federal and state agency regulations, denoting the architect, engineer, owner and contractor performing construction, repair, renovation or development currently in progress on the premises where the sign is located is permitted, provided that for a subdivision a separate sign may be placed at each street entrance thereto, and further provided that the sign or signs shall be promptly removed within 48 hours upon completion of construction, repair or renovation.
- (b) Special event signs. provided that such a temporary promotional sign:
- i. Shall be firmly anchored;
 - ii. Shall be removed within 48 hours after the event to which it relates has taken place;
 - iii. Shall not be attached to a fence, utility pole, tree or similar structure on public property;
 - iv. Shall not exceed 10 square feet; and
 - v. May be erected on town property with the consent of the Board of Selectmen or their designee and the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
 - vi. Hand-held signs shall be exempted from Subsection D(2)(b)i above.
- (c) Political, Ideological, or Charitable Message signs. Display or expressions of political, ideological or charitable ideas shall be exempt from the provisions of this bylaw, provided that no such sign shall be affixed to a tree or utility pole in a public way.
- (d) Real estate signs. One real estate sign having an area of not more than 10 square feet and advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which it is maintained is permitted. In a Residential District, one For Sale, Rent or Lease sign shall be allowed per lot, and one such sign shall be permitted for each business or establishment in any other Zoning District. Such a sign shall not be illuminated, may be a movable sign and shall be removed immediately following the closing of a sale, lease or rental agreement.
- (e) Agricultural signs. A sign associated with an agricultural use as referred to in Section 3 of M.G.L., Ch. 40A, offering for sale produce and other farm products. The maximum display area of such sign shall be 12 square feet. Such sign may be movable.
- (f) Fuel Pump signs. Fuel pump signs located on service station fuel pumps identifying the name or type of fuel and price thereof.
- (g) Governmental signs. Signs, including movable signs, erected and maintained by the Town of Belchertown, the Belchertown Water District, the City of Springfield, the Town of Amherst, the Bondsville Water and Fire District, any other municipal corporation, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the Federal Government on any land, building or structure in use by such governmental entity. Any other signs erected by such governmental entity at any location required for public or environmental health, safety or notification purposes, or announcing the date, time and place of elections or town meetings.
- (h) Identification signs. For single and two family residential uses in any zoning district, one sign on a lot identifying the occupants of the dwelling, an authorized home occupation

and/or any other use which is conducted on the lot and is permitted in a residential district. In a residential district, one sign on a lot identifying a non-conforming use. All such signs shall not exceed two square feet of display area and shall not be illuminated, except when coincidental to the illumination of a building, driveway or similar feature.

- (i) Landmark signs. Any sign determined by the Board of Selectmen to be of particular artistic or historic merit that is unique or extraordinarily significant to the town. Such a sign may be new or old, it may or may not comply with this Bylaw, it may be a picture, mural, statue, sculpture or other form of artistic expression, it may warrant preservation in its original form or may be in need of restoration, or it may be a marker to identify or commemorate a particular significant location, a historic event or person, or a natural feature.
- (j) Menu signs. One menu sign per restaurant, affixed to the exterior wall of a restaurant with a maximum display area of 2 square feet.
- (k) Multifamily Dwelling signs. A sign identifying the name of a multifamily residential dwelling, not exceeding 6 square feet in display area. If freestanding, its height shall not exceed 4 feet above ground level and if mounted to the exterior wall of a building no portion thereof shall be higher than 6 feet from the ground.
- (l) Religious signs. Signs identifying a religious use and erected on the same lot as the religious use. Such signs shall not be illuminated and shall be limited to one wall sign with a maximum display area of 12 square feet, and one free-standing sign with a maximum display area of 8 square feet and a maximum height of 5 feet.
- (m) Traffic signs. Standard traffic signs and control devices. Sign limitations do not apply to traffic or directional signs which are necessary for the safety and direction of residents, employees, customers and visitors, whether in a vehicle or on foot, of any business, industry or residence. Such signs shall not carry the name of any business or project.
- (n) Window signs. Signs printed or placed on the outside surface of a window, other than a neon sign, provided that their aggregate display area covers no more than 20 percent of the window in which they are erected. Such sign shall not be illuminated. Window signs promoting a public service or charitable event shall not be calculated in the allowable 20 percent. There shall be not more than one such sign allowed per principal use.
- (o) Neon Window signs. Neon window signs provided that the display area shall not exceed ten square feet or cover more than 20 percent of the window in which they are erected, whichever is less. There shall be not more than one such sign allowed per principal use. As with any other sign, a neon window sign shall not be illuminated longer than 30 minutes before opening of after closing of the store or business.
- (p) Tag sale and similar event signs. One sign, which may be a movable sign, on the lot where the sale occurs, displaying only the words "Tag Sale" or similar words specific to the event together with the date of the event. Such sign shall not exceed 6 square feet in display area and shall not be illuminated. Such sign shall not be erected sooner than 3 days before the

sale and it shall be removed not later than 1 day after the sale. In no case shall such a sign be erected on a lot for more than 5 days per calendar year.

(3) Prohibited Signs

All signs not conforming to the provisions of this section are specifically prohibited and include, but are not limited to the following sign types.

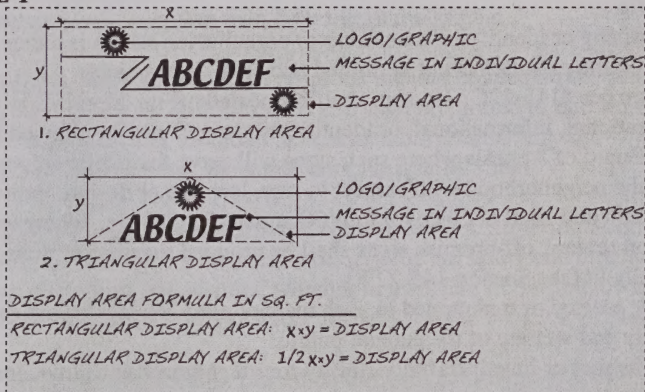
- (a) Billboards, movable signs, projecting signs and roof signs are not permitted.
- (b) Streamers, pennants, ribbons, balloons and other inflatable objects, objects through which air is blown, spinners or other similar devices shall not be constructed, posted or erected. Exceptions include flags and buntings exhibited to commemorate national patriotic holidays, and temporary banners announcing charitable or civic events.
- (c) Moving, flashing or animated signs including signs containing reflective elements which sparkle in the sunlight are not permitted. Electronic variable message signs are not permitted except that such signs indicating only the current time and/or temperature are allowed provided they meet all other provisions of this Section.
- (d) No sign shall be designed in shape, color, placement or display characteristics to resemble traffic signals or traffic control signs nor otherwise impair or cause confusion of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- (e) Any sign advertising or identifying a business or organization which is either defunct or no longer located on the premises is not permitted and shall be removed.
- (f) Off-premise sign per §145-22C. No sign shall be located off the premises to which it applies, except that directional, informational, or identification signs may be allowed by special permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals where such signs will serve the public convenience and not be detrimental to the neighborhood with respect to size, location or design. Individual off premise signs shall be unlit and shall not be over four (4) square feet in area. Where appropriate and subject to design review, off-premise signs shall be grouped together at strategic locations, and may be externally lit (see Section 145-22 F).
- (g) No sign shall be erected or maintained in such manner as to create a hazard or disturbance to the health, safety and welfare of the general public.
- (h) No sign shall obstruct or impair traffic visibility for the motorist at a street corner, intersection or driveway entrance or exit.
- (i) No sign shall be placed on town property or within the right-of-way of the town without approval from the Board of Selectmen.
- (j) Any sign designed to be transported by means of wheels and signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from a street or a right of way customarily used by the general public, unless said vehicle is registered and used, as a vehicle, in the normal day-to-day operations of the business.
- (k) Any sign projecting above the lowest point of the eaves of a building or beyond a building corner.
- (l) No signs, graphics, pictures, publications, videotapes, movies, covers, merchandise or other implements, items or advertising, depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272, Section 31 shall be displayed in the windows of, or on the building of, any Adult Entertainment Establishment, or be visible to the public from the pedestrian sidewalks or walkways or from other areas outside such establishments.

- (4) Protection of First Amendment Rights- Any sign authorized with or without a permit under this section may, in lieu of any specified copy, contain any lawful, non-commercial message that does not direct attention to a business or to a property, service or commodity for sale.

D. Sign Dimensions/ Height

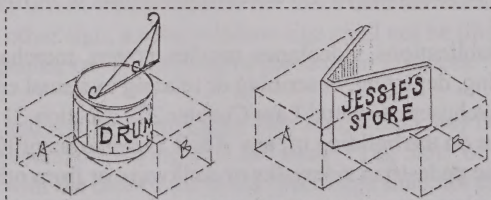
- (1) Display Area: The combined and total square foot area of a sign or signs, either on or off the premises, shall be measured as defined below and in accordance with Table E-1.
- (a) The display area of a sign shall be considered to include all lettering, wording, and accompanying designs and symbols, together with the background on which they are displayed, any frame around the sign and any "cutouts" or extensions, but shall not include any supporting structure or bracing.
- (b) The display area of a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building, wall, canopy or window, shall be the smallest rectangle or triangle which encompasses all of the letters and symbols. See Figure E-1 below.

Figure E-1



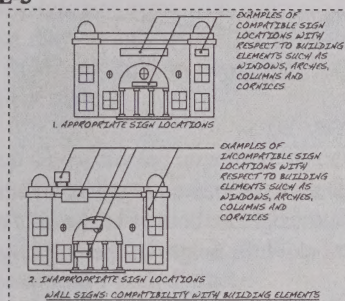
- (c) For three-dimensional signs, double-faced signs greater than four (4) inches thick, objects used as signs, and "V" shaped signs: the area shall be determined by the largest of either the front (A) or side (B) projected view of the sign. See Figure E-2 below.

Figure E-2



- (d) In computing the area of signs with two (2) faces placed back-to-back, the area shall be taken as the area of either face, or if the faces are unequal, the larger shall determine the area, except as in paragraph E(1)c above.
- (e) Any support structure or bracing incidental to the sign shall not project more than one (1) foot, in any direction, from the display area.
- (f) The display area of a wall sign or free-standing sign may not exceed ten (10) percent of the area of the front face square footage (FFSF), as computed by the length times the width of the building facade to which such sign is attached. In no case shall the sign be larger than the maximum sign display area for the district in which the building is located.
- (g) A wall sign shall not be placed such that it covers architectural elements such as cornices, columns, arches, details, or other such building features or ornamentation, and, if the architectural detail of the building necessitates, the sign may be broken up into two (2) pieces provided that the pieces are oriented in the same manner relative to the wall, parallel to each other, and the total area of the two signs does not exceed the maximum allowable of 10% of the wall face. See Figure E-3 below. (Next page)

Figure E-3



- (h) In no case shall any sign exceed the maximum indicated in Table E-1, below.

Table E-1

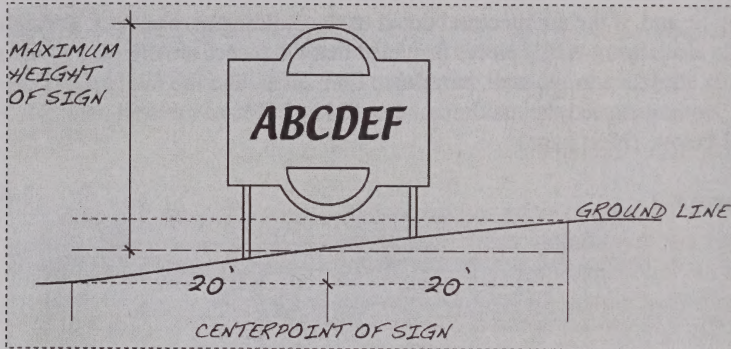
District	Maximum Display Area Per Sign (in sq. ft.)	Maximum Total Display Area ¹ (in sq. ft.)	Height (in ft.)
Agricultural A (AG-A)	6	12	6
Agricultural B (AG-B)	6	8	6
Village Residential (VR)	6	8	6
Lakes Residential (LR)	6	8	6
Multiple-Dwelling Residential (MDR)	40	40	6
Mobile Home Park	40	40	6
Limited Business (B1)	20	40	12
General Business (B2)	80	100	18
Light Industrial (LI)	40	80	18
Industrial (I)	40	80	18

Note: ¹Per business for commercial uses and per land use on a lot.

(2) Height:

- (a) The top of the display area of free-standing signs permitted under this section shall not exceed height standards listed in Table E-1 above the average grade as measured within a 20' radius of the center, laterally, of the sign, in any district. No filling, berming, mounding, or excavating may be done solely for the purpose of altering the allowed height of the sign. The Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer may permit a sign in height greater than the standards listed in Table E-1 in where the physical characteristics of the lot prevent adequate setback from public ways and a lower sign would create a potential traffic hazard. See Figure E-4 below.

Figure E-4



- (b) The top of the display area of a wall sign shall be placed no higher than whichever of the following is lowest: twenty-five (25) feet above grade; bottom of the sills of the first level of windows above the first story; or 1 foot below the height of the building line.
- (c) Signs on adjacent storefronts should be coordinated in height, type and proportion. The use of a continuous sign band for adjacent shops within the same building is encouraged, as a unifying element.

F. Illumination Standards

The following standards apply to all signs illuminated internally or externally by electric power.

- (1) Lighting shall be non-flashing, non-blinking and shall not be designed to attract attention by a change in intensity or by repeated motion.
- (2) Signs shall also be nonmoving and non-animated, shall not interfere with traffic visibility and shall not protrude over any lot line.
- (3) Any illumination provided shall be of one color only, for example, only white, or only red, but not both.
- (4) Any sign illuminated by an external light source shall have the light source projected downward from above and shall be shielded from view off the premises so that no direct light extends above ground level beyond the property lines on which the sign is located.

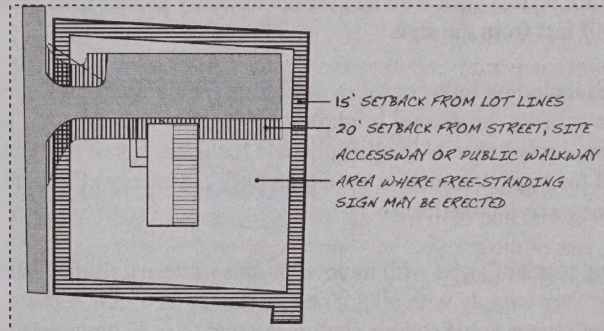
- (5) No sign shall constitute a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic because of the intensity or direction of illumination.
- (6) No sign shall be illuminated longer than 30 minutes before opening or after closing of any store or business.
- (7) The display area of an illuminated sign shall neither emit nor reflect light with an average intensity greater than 50 foot-candles measured directly on the surface of the sign or signs shall neither emit nor reflect light with an average intensity greater than fifty (50) foot candles at one hundred (100) feet from the sign.
- (8) Light fixtures including bulbs or tubes used for sign illumination should be selected and positioned to achieve the desired brightness of the sign with the minimum possible wattage while ensuring compliance with all applicable requirements of this Bylaw. Where possible, the fixtures used for sign illumination should classify as "energy efficient", as defined by the power utility company serving the lot.
- (9) The following types of signs with internal or quasi-internal illumination shall be permitted, provided that they comply with all applicable standards of this section. The word "opaque" as used in the following Sub-Sections shall mean that the opaque object shall appear black when the sign is lit at night.
 - (a) Neon signs, erected on a lot in place of a sign otherwise permitted, provided it features an individualized, custom made design showing only a drawing, logo, symbol or illustration, but not letters. A neon sign hereunder shall comply with all applicable dimensional standards. It shall be composed of primarily single strand glass tubing with a maximum 1 inch diameter.
 - (b) Opaque individual letter signs or symbols, back-lit with a white and concealed light source, thereby creating an effect by which the letters or symbols are silhouetted against a wall illuminated by said light source.
 - (c) Signs featuring individual letters or symbols which are cut out from an opaque, facing and back-lit with a white and concealed light source, thereby creating an effect by which the facing, from which the letters or symbols are cut out, is silhouetted against a wall illuminated by said light source.
 - (d) Back-lit awning signs with the light source internal or concealed from public view. Such signs shall not be permitted in the Historic District.
 - (e) Individual letter signs with translucent letter faces, internally illuminated with a soft-glow light source; or signs with an opaque sign face with cutout translucent letter surfaces which are internally illuminated with a soft-glow light source. Such signs shall not be permitted in the Historic District.

G. Additional Standards

(1) Free-standing Signs

- (a) No part of a free-standing sign is to be located closer than fifteen (15) feet from any lot line and a minimum of 20 feet from public walkway, site accessway or street, and no portion of a free-standing sign shall be located within the airspace above this setback. See Figure G-1 below.

Figure G-1



- (b) The dimensions of a free-standing sign shall conform to the requirements of Section 145-22 E above.
- (c) Not more than one (1) free-standing sign may be erected on any lot, regardless of the number of tenants or occupants of the property; provided that the Planning Board acting as Special Permit Granting Authority may grant a special permit for one (1) additional free-standing sign if such additional sign is determined necessary due to the specific combination of uses on the lot.
- (d) Free-standing signs may be lighted on both sides. Any illumination provided for signs shall conform to the requirements of Section 145-22 F above.
- (e) A free-standing sign shall be integrated into the landscape design of the lot or parcel. It shall be centered within a landscaped area located on the lot or parcel with a minimum area in square feet to be equal to the overall height of the sign multiplied by two, by the power of two. (Example: sign height = 6 feet: $6 \text{ ft.} \times 2 \text{ ft.} = 12 \text{ ft.}$; $12 \text{ ft.} \times 12 \text{ ft.} = 144 \text{ sq. ft.} = \text{minimum landscaped area}$). Such landscaped area shall be planted and maintained with suitable vegetation including shrubs and flowering perennials surrounding the base of the free-standing sign. The landscaped area required under this section may be provided as part of a landscaped area required under any other section of this Bylaw.
- (f) Menu boards shall be a maximum of thirty square feet, with a maximum height of six feet, and shall face away from the street. Menu boards shall be screened from view from the public street.

(2) Multiple signs

- (a) Where more than one sign is desired, several signs may be used, provided that their total combined area does not exceed the amounts shown in the schedule (Table E-1). The combined area of all signs, whether on or off the premises, shall not exceed the amounts allowed in this schedule.
- (b) When several businesses are located on one lot, these standards shall apply to each business.
- (c) One directory sign, not to exceed an area of twelve (12) inches by eighteen (18) inches for each additional occupant of the premises and not in excess of 100 square feet, may be permitted by the Board of Appeals within General Business, Industrial and Light Industrial Zones when several businesses are located within one property, as in a shopping center or industrial park.

(3) Compatibility

Proposed signs will be considered in relation to the character of the neighborhood and the architecture, colors and material of the building and should be compatible in terms of the appropriateness of the size, color, shape, material and design. Signs should be informative, legible and designed to improve the quality of the street scene.

(4) Discontinuance of sign-related use

All signs erected for a permitted use, use by a special permit or a special event, including a sign advertising the sale or rental of premises, shall be promptly removed within 48 hours when the circumstances leading to their erection no longer apply.

H. Enforcement

- (1) Maintenance and Removal. Every sign shall be maintained in good structural conditions at all times. All signs shall be kept neatly painted, including all metal parts and supports thereof that are not galvanized or of rust resistant material. The Building Commissioner or the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall inspect and shall have the authority to order the painting, repair, alteration or removal of a sign which shall constitute a hazard to safety, health or public welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, or obsolescence.
- (2) Abandoned Signs. Except as otherwise provided in this article, any sign that is located on property which becomes vacant and is unoccupied for a period of three months or more, or any sign which pertains to a time, event or purpose which no longer applies shall be deemed to have been abandoned. Permanent signs applicable to a business temporarily suspended because of a change of ownership or management of such business shall not be deemed abandoned, unless the property remains vacant for a period of six months or more. An abandoned sign is prohibited and shall be removed by the owner of the sign or owner of the premises.
- (3) Dangerous or Defective Signs. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained on any premises owned or controlled by him any sign, which is in a dangerous or defective condition. Any such sign shall be removed or repaired by the owner of the sign or the owner of the premises.

(4) Removal of Signs by the Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer

- (a) The Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer shall cause to be removed any sign that endangers the public safety, such as an abandoned, dangerous, or materially, electrically, or structurally defective sign, or a sign for which no permit has been issued.
- (b) The Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer shall prepare a notice which shall describe the sign and specify the violation involved and which shall state that, if the sign is not removed or the violation is not corrected within 20 days, the sign shall be removed in accordance with the provision of this section.
- (c) All such notices shall either be hand-delivered or sent by certified mail. Any time periods provided in this section shall be deemed to commence on the date of the receipt of the certified mail. For all other signs, the notice shall be mailed to the owner of the property on which the sign is located as shown on the last equalized assessment roll. If known, or with reasonable care should be known, the notice shall be mailed to or delivered to the owner of the sign and the occupant of the property.

(5) Appeals. Any person having an interest in the sign or the property may appeal the determination of the Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer ordering removal or compliance by filing a written notice with the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of the determination as provided in M.G.L. c.40A, sec. 15.

(6) Non-conforming Signs. Any non-conforming sign lawfully existing at the time of adoption of this or subsequent amendment of this bylaw although such does not conform to the provision of this bylaw, subject to the following:

- (a) Non-conforming signs accessory to a use or uses shall be removed or replaced concurrently with any expansion of such use or uses. Such non-conforming signs shall be replaced with a conforming sign or signs prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for any building into which the use or uses are to be expanded.
- (b) Any sign replacing a non-conforming sign shall conform with the provisions of this Section, and the non-conforming sign will no longer be displayed.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent orderly, regular and timely maintenance, repair and repainting with the same original colors of a non-conforming sign.

(7) Penalties

A violation of any provision of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100 per offense. Each day of violation constitute a separate offense.

I. Miscellaneous Provisions

1. Conflict with other Laws

In the event of a conflict between this Bylaw and any such laws and regulations, the provisions of this Bylaw shall control, provided that they are consistent with state and federal law.

2. Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Bylaw

Section 145-78. Other Conditions.

B. Signs.

- (1) The maximum allowed size for an individual sign in a Business and Technology Park is 40 square feet.
- (2) Each business in a Business and Technology Park is allowed up to 80 square feet of signage.
- (3) Each land use on a lot in a Business and Technology Park is allowed up to 80 square feet of signage.
- (4) Within a Business and Technology Park, intersection directional signs may be erected with arrows indicating the businesses reached via the cross street, with each business sign not exceeding six inches high by 36 inches long, including the arrow. (Endorsed by Planning Board 3-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Passed by 2/3)

Article 14 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, by amending §145-21, Fences, Swimming Pools, as follows:

- Add to §145-21B: “All commercial chain link fences, including posts and rails, must be black or green so to blend into the landscape.”
- Add to §145-21C after the word *feet*: “,except in the B2 zone. In the B2 zone the maximum height of a fence shall be eight feet.”
- Add to §145-21 new item G to read: “A special permit granting authority may allow a Higher fence under a special permit when determined to be necessary for safety or Security.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 3-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown by amending Article XII, Wireless Communications Facilities, §145-62, Use Restrictions, specifically, §145-62B(7), by changing “Accessory structures housing support equipment for towers shall not exceed 400 square feet in area and 15 feet in height”, to read “The size of accessory structures housing support equipment for towers shall be determined individually under each special permit application.” (Endorsed by Planning Board 3-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, Chapter 145 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Section 145-5, Zoning Map, by changing the parcel identified on the Town Assessors’ Map as Map 238 Lot 125, also known as 114 North Main Street, as petitioned by the property owners Wayne Willey and Darlene Sliwa, from VR, Village Residential, to B1, Limited Business. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Passed by 2/3)

Article 17 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, Chapter 145 or the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Section 145-5, Zoning Map, by changing the parcel identified on the Town Assessors' Map as Map 231 Lot 48, also known as 100 Federal Street, as petitioned by the property owner Timothy Fitzmeyer, from Ag-B, Rural Residential, to B2, General Business. (Not endorsed by the Planning Board 3-0-0 No)

There was a lengthy debate led by Timothy Fitzmeyer in favor of this motion and Jonathan Spiegel in opposition. Selectmen Michael Reardon and Gerald Grasso also supported the measure.

A motion was made to end the debate.

(Vote – 2/3/ required – 2/3/ Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Article 17 Passed by 2/3)

Article 18 Voted to amend the Dog Control By-Law, Chapter 15 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by replacing it in its entirety with the following language:

Dog Control By-Law

§ 15-1. Purpose

It shall be the duty of every owner or keeper of any dog to exercise reasonable care and take all necessary steps to comply with this By-law including licensing and keeping their dogs under control at all times to protect other people, property, and animals from injury or damage which might result from their animal's behavior. If the owner or keeper of any dog is a minor, the parent or guardian of such minor shall be responsible to ensure that all provisions of this By-Law are complied with.

§ 15-2. Definitions.

As used in this By-Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -- The person or persons appointed by the Board of Selectmen to enforce this By-Law.

SERVICE DOG - a dog trained in service of a person with a disability.

FOSTER OWNER – any person harboring a dog under a non-profit rescue group or charitable organization for no more than a year

KEEPER -- Any person, corporation or society, other than the Owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog. MGL c.140, § 136A.

KENNEL - see definition(s) in Section 15-5, below.

LICENSE PERIOD -- The time between January 1 and the following December 31, both dates inclusive.

OWNER -- Any person who licenses a dog or keeps a dog for 30 days or longer. For the purposes of this By-Law, the parent or guardian of a minor who owns or keeps a dog shall be considered the dog's Owner or Keeper.

RESIDENCE -- Within the boundaries of the land where the owner sleeps.

SHELTER - the public Animal Control Facility for the Town of Belchertown

§ 15-3 Establishment of an Animal Control Advisory Board

The Board of Selectman shall appoint an Animal Control Advisory Board.

A. The board shall consist of seven members, each serving for two years. Three members on the initial board shall be appointed to one-year terms to stagger appointments. A majority of the members shall hear each case.

B. Board members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectman and may include:

- A dog breeder
- A dog trainer
- A veterinarian
- A non pet owner from the community
- A medical professional specializing in emergency medicine

C. The Board shall have the authority to conduct hearings with regard to assigning fines or other penalties for violations of this By-Law, specifying means of confinement, requiring confiscation of dogs and inspection of premises, arbitrating neighborhood disputes regarding dog nuisances, and other remedies, as described in subsection D, below. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum to conduct a hearing.

D. After a hearing is held, the Board may impose reasonable conditions on the owner or keeper of the dog, including, but not limited to the following, requiring the Owner or Keeper to participate in dog training classes, responsible ownership sessions, or animal husbandry classes conducted by the state department of agriculture or a local organization representing responsible animal owners.

E. Decisions of the Board may be appealed to the Board of Selectman.

§ 15-4. Licensing procedure.

A. Any dog over three months of age may be licensed. As soon as a dog becomes six months of age, the Owner shall license it with the Town Clerk by:

- (1) Providing the Owner's name and address and a brief description of the dog;
- (2) Presenting a certificate of vaccination against rabies;
- (3) Paying the license fee; and
- (4) Attaching a town tag to the dog's collar.

B. No license shall be issued unless the Owner has filed with the Town Clerk a valid certificate of vaccination against rabies showing the vaccination date, the expiration date and signed by a veterinarian. The Town Clerk shall record the date of expiration of each license.

C. The licensing period shall begin January 1 and shall run for one year. Renewal applications shall be made between December 1 and January 30.

D. Application for a license must be made within 30 days after obtaining a dog six months of age or older.

E. No license fees shall be required for Service Dogs or service dogs in training or foster dogs as defined in 15-2 for a not-for-profit organization. Application shall be made, however, to the Town Clerk who shall issue the license, which the Owner shall cause to be worn by the dog.

F. The Town Clerk shall maintain records of the identifying numbers of all licenses issued and shall make this record available to the public.

G. No person shall be issued a license during a period of two years from the date of his/her being found guilty or penalized for cruelty to animals. Any license already issued must be surrendered immediately following the conviction/penalty upon demand of the Town Clerk. MGL c.140, § 137D.

H. No fee received for a license or tag made void under this section shall be refunded to the holder thereof MGL c.140, § 137D

§ 15-5. Kennel licensing.

A. For the health, safety and well-being of dogs are that are kept / maintained in groups and to ensure that such groups do not pose a nuisance or health problem for neighbors, the town or dog owners, the following definitions of different types of kennels apply:

(1). **Personal kennel**, one pack or collection of more than 4 dogs which are 6 months old or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises, under one ownership, for private personal use. Breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving the breed, exhibiting, showing, use in sporting activity or other personal reasons, provided that selling, trading, bartering or the distribution of such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops. Dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel in conjunction with an animal shelter or registered non-profit agency may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed as long as the transfer is not made for the purpose of making a profit. Personal Kennel licenses shall be obtained through the Town Clerk, who shall issue a license for each qualified dog.

(2). **Commercial boarding kennel**, a kennel or establishment, other than an animal shelter or animal control facility, used for overnight boarding, holding, or stays for a fee or consideration. This does not include dogs owned by the operator, grooming facilities holding dogs solely for the purpose of grooming and not overnight boarding, time-limited training or obedience training programs, day care services, breeders who board intact males or females for a period of time for the sole purpose of breeding, individuals who temporarily, and not in the normal course of business, board or care for animals owned by others, or a licensed pet shop.

(3). **Commercial breeder kennel**, an establishment engaged in the business of breeding animals for sale or for exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration.

(4). **Domestic charitable corporation kennel**, a facility operated, owned, or maintained by a domestic charitable corporation registered with the town, or an animal welfare society or other non profit organization incorporated for the purpose of providing for and promoting the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals. A domestic charitable corporation kennel includes a veterinary hospital or clinic operated by a licensed veterinarian, which operates for the above purpose in addition to providing medical treatment and care.

(5) **Veterinary kennel**, a veterinary hospital or clinic that boards dogs for reasons in addition to medical treatment or care. This shall not apply to a hospital or clinic used solely to house dogs that have undergone veterinary treatment, observation, or are waiting for such treatment only for the period of time needed to accomplish the needed veterinary care.

B. Issuance of a Commercial Boarding Kennel, Commercial Breeder Kennel, Domestic Charitable Corporation Kennel or Veterinary Kennel License shall be contingent upon inspection and approval by the Animal Control Officer to ensure that basic standards of cleanliness and proper care and confinement of said dogs exist on the premises. The name and address of the owner of each dog kept in these types of kennels, if other than the person maintaining the kennel, and a veterinarian's verification that each dog six (6) months of age or older is currently vaccinated against rabies, shall be kept on file at the kennel and available for inspection by the Animal Control Officer or any other authorized persons.

C. All kennel license fees shall be set by the Board of Selectmen and they shall, upon application, issue without charge a domestic charitable corporation kennel license to any domestic charitable corporation which qualifies. The license period for a kennel license shall be from January 1 to December 31, inclusive. The processes and forms by which to apply for all types of kennels, except the personal kennel license, shall be issued by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Animal Control Advisory Board.

D. The Animal Control Officer may, at any reasonable time, inspect any kennel or premises for which a Kennel License has been issued.

E. If the Animal Control Officer, after inspection, determines that the kennel or premises that are the subject of a kennel license are not kept in a sanitary or humane condition, or if records are not kept as required by law, the Animal Control Advisory Board may, by order after hearing, revoke or suspend such license. If a license has been revoked or suspended, the license may be reinstated after inspection and in accordance with the procedure set forth below.

F. Within seven (7) days after such public hearing, said Animal Advisory Control Board shall make an order either revoking or suspending such kennel license, or otherwise regulating said kennel or premises, or dismissing said petition.

G. The holder of such license or other person who is the subject of an order may appeal to the Board of Selectmen or petition the district court for relief in accordance with M.G.L. c. 140 § 137C.

H. Any person maintaining a personal or commercial kennel after the license has been so revoked, or while such license is so suspended, may be punished by a penalty for each day in violation of said

revocation or suspension. In addition to any other legal remedies that may be available, the Animal Control Officer or other designated enforcing person, may enforce these penalties.

§ 15-6. Violations

Any Owner or Keeper who fails to comply with any of the following shall be in violation of this By-Law:

A. Unlicensed dog. A dog, six months or older, which is unlicensed or not re-licensed by January 30 each year.

B. Running at large. To go beyond the boundaries of the Owner's or Keeper's property unless the dog is in sight and under voice command and does not trespass on private property. Dogs in the act of training, working, hunting, or guarding are excepted.

Exception: All dogs shall be confined within a vehicle in an appropriate, safe manner that prevents escape, or secured by a leash or lead no longer than six feet in length, and under the control of a responsible person while on any public street, road, highway, or parking area where motor vehicles are present. Furthermore, all dogs shall be secured by a leash or lead no longer than six feet in length and under the control of a responsible person while walking on any public sidewalk or way; or attending any outdoor function or event within the town that is open to the public and for which dogs in attendance are allowed. Dogs that are participating or exhibiting in that function are excepted.

C. To chase a pedestrian, bicycle or any other vehicle.

D. To bark excessively. A dog that causes a disturbance that interferes with a person's reasonable right to peace or privacy by barking, yelping, whining, howling, growling or otherwise repeatedly making noise for an extended period at any time of the day or night.

Noise generated by dogs utilized in the production of crops, livestock or poultry is not subject to this excessive barking section.

E. Worriyng livestock. To worry, tease, threaten, injure or kill another's livestock, fowl or pet.

F. Vicious dog. A dog that attacks, bites or injures human beings, pets, companion animals or livestock or which, because of temperament, conditioning, or training has a known propensity to attack, bite or injure human beings, pets, companion animals or livestock. No dog may be declared vicious if a threat, injury or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was committing a willful trespass or other tort upon the premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the dog, or was teasing, tormenting, abusing, or assaulting the dog or has, in the past, been observed or reported to have teased, tormented, abused or assaulted the dog or was committing or attempting to commit a crime, except as may be provided for in MGL c.140, §155. The definition shall not be construed to include dogs that are part of a governmental organization or a trained guard dog in performance of its duties. A trained guard dog is one that comes from a reputable, licensed training facility as defined by MGL c. 129, § 39B.

G. Unvaccinated dog. A dog without proof of current rabies vaccination on file with the Town Clerk.

H. *Violation of quarantine.* To allow a dog to run at large during the dates of a mandated quarantine following the possibility of exposure to rabies, as indicated by a veterinarian or the Animal Inspector or Board of Health. Quarantine is defined by state law as maintenance of a domestic animal in an escape-proof, solid-walled building with a roof, approved by the Animal Inspector of the municipality. The animal may be leash walked by an adult..

I. *Order to restrain.* Allowing a dog to continue to run at large or continue behavior which has been determined to violate this By-Law by the Animal Control Advisory Board in a prior hearing.

J. *Untagged dog.* A dog found to be without a collar and attached valid Town license.

§ 15-7. Inhumane treatment.

A. All Owners and Keepers are expected to treat their dogs in a humane and caring manner. Owners and Keepers who do not maintain minimum standards of feeding, watering and housing are in violation of this By-law. Any Owner or Keeper who fails to provide adequate drink, food, space, shelter, sanitary conditions, necessary veterinary care, and/or who causes unnecessary suffering of any dog, shall be deemed in violation of this By-Law. For the purposes of determining if the Owner or Keeper has so failed to treat their dogs in a humane and caring manner, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Proper drink means clear, drinkable water in adequate supply.

(2) Proper food means food which shall be wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, provided in sufficient quantity and is species-appropriate and offered daily.

(3) Proper space means an area sufficient to enable a dog to stand to its full heights, turn around, lie down and make normal postural adjustments. Space and provision for exercise must be appropriate and sufficient.

(4) Proper shelter means access to shelter that provides protection from weather, i.e., sun, wind, precipitation or other inclement weather conditions and shelter that is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition free from extreme odor.

(5) Necessary veterinary care means veterinary medical attention appropriate to the circumstances whenever a dog is known or reasonably suspected to have suffered an injury, whether accidental or deliberate, or which exhibits signs of disease process such as shock, temperature fluctuation, tremors, swelling, broken bones, open wounds, inability to eat or drink, blistering; irregular or abnormal breathing; partial or total paralysis; abnormal discharge or bleeding; mange; or other health problems.

B. It shall be unlawful to leave a dog unattended in a parked vehicle without proper ventilation to prevent the dog from suffering physical distress.

C. It shall be unlawful to transport dogs riding unsecured in the back of pickup or other trucks.

D. Any Animal Control Officer or other officer empowered to act by law may impound any dog that is not being treated humanely, as defined by this By-Law.

§ 15-8. Removal of dog waste.

Any Owner or Keeper shall be responsible for the removal of any fecal material deposited by his/her dog on public ways, private property, public sidewalks, public recreation areas, school property, other public property and the Town Common.

§ 15-9. Informal complaint.

A. Any resident may, verbally or in writing, inform the Animal Control Officer of any violation by describing the dog in detail. The Dog Owner against whom the complaint is filed may be notified by the Animal Control Officer of the nature of the informal complaint.

B. The Animal Control Officer shall make a log of all informal complaints received.

§ 15-10. Formal complaint.

A. Complaint forms shall be readily available from the Animal Control Officer, the Board of Selectmen's office and the police station. Any person may file this form at the office of the Animal Control Officer or the Board of Selectmen or by mailing it to the Animal Control Officer, Town Hall, P.O. Box 670, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA 01007.

B. Within seven days of receiving a formal complaint, the Animal Control Officer shall make a report stating the progress of the investigation to the complainant.

C. If the complainant remains unsatisfied with the report, he/she may refile the complaint with the Animal Control Advisory Board. A formal hearing may be called. After any hearing, the decision of the Animal Control Advisory Board may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen.

D. An appeal to the District Court of any order of the Board of Selectmen or Animal Control Advisory Board to remove or destroy a dog shall automatically stay such order until the District Court issues a decision with regard to the order. The Owner or Keeper of a dog subject to an appealed order of removal or destruction shall be required to restrain the dog during the pendency of the appeal. Restraint shall include the following: the Owner or Keeper shall maintain the dog in a safe manner, to include keeping the dog on a leash at all times, keeping the dog inside of the Owner or Keeper's house, except as necessary for the dog to relieve itself, and keeping the dog on the property of the Owner or Keeper, and/or such other conditions as the Board of Selectmen or Animal Control Officer or Animal Control Advisory Board shall require to protect the public safety.

F. A violation of an order of restraint arising from an appeal of an order to remove or destroy a vicious dog shall result in the immediate impoundment of the dog until such time as the District Court issues a decision with regard to the order, or until such earlier time as the Board of Selectmen may determine after a hearing.

§ 15-11. Citations.

A. The Animal Control Officer, acting upon a formal complaint and/or 2 or more informal complaints from separate sources within a 12-month period may serve a citation, having the force of law, on the Owner or Keeper. The citation shall describe the dog's conduct, cite the violation and secure enforcement by these means:

(1) Warning. A warning shall state a deadline for compliance and other steps of enforcement, as may be applicable.

(2) Restraint. The Owner or Keeper may be ordered to restrain the dog in a specific manner. If the Owner or Keeper fails to comply, the Animal Control Officer may impound the dog.

(3) Penalty. A penalty for violation of this By-Law may be levied to the maximum of \$50 for each offense, except for vicious dog, for which the maximum penalty is \$100, to be paid to the Town Clerk. Each day of a continuing offense shall be considered a separate violation. The enforcing persons for violation of this By-Law are the Animal Control Officer and any police officer of the Town.

B. The Owner or Keeper shall comply with the citation by:

(1) Complying with the warning or restraint order; and/or (2) Paying the penalty within 10 days to the Town Clerk, as may be determined by the Animal Control Officer.

C. Town Police Officers may issue citations for violations of this By-Law

D. The Owner or Keeper has the right of appeal to the Animal Control Advisory Board within 10 days of the citation's issue. If the Owner or Keeper requests a hearing before the Animal Control Advisory Board based on a citation issued from informal complaints, the complainant(s)' identity must be revealed and the complainant shall be in attendance at the hearing. After a hearing before the Animal Control Advisory Board, the Owner or Keeper has the right to appeal to the Board of Selectmen.

E. Filing an appeal suspends a fine or restitution, but not a restraint order.

F. Upon the violation of an order of restraint issued by the Animal Control Advisory Board, the dog shall be immediately impounded. If the order of restraint has been appealed to the Board of Selectmen, the dog shall be impounded until such time as the Board of Selectmen makes a decision with regard to the appeal of the order of restraint. If the order of restraint issued by the Board of Selectmen has been appealed to the District Court, the dog shall be impounded until such time as the District Court makes a decision with regard to the appeal of the order of restraint or until such earlier time as the Board of Selectmen may determine after hearing. If the order has not been appealed to the District Court, the dog shall be impounded pending another hearing of the Board of Selectmen.

G. All impoundment and/or daily fees, as set forth in § 15-14(E), incurred during the period of impoundment of a dog under this By-law, shall be paid by the Owner or Keeper of the dog.

§ 15-12. Hearings; action by the Animal Control Advisory Board; appeals.

A. The Animal Control Officer or other person may file a complaint and request a hearing by the Animal Control Advisory Board. The Owner or Keeper, the complainant, and the Animal Control Officer shall be sent written notice, at least seven days, prior to the scheduled hearing. In the case of an emergency, determined by the Chair of the Animal Control Advisory Board, the hearing may be held before the seven days expires. In that case, the Animal Control Officer shall provide any notice that may be reasonable in the circumstances.

B. The complainant shall testify. Other witnesses may testify. The Animal Control Advisory Board shall issue a written decision (stating findings of fact and conclusions of law) within seven days of the

close of the hearing to the complainant and the Owner or Keeper. After a hearing before the Animal Control Advisory Board, the Owner or Keeper may appeal to the Board of Selectmen.

C. The Animal Control Advisory Board may order enforcement by the means stated in § 15-11, Citations, and § 15-15, License revocation.

D. A has the right of appeal to the Board of Selectmen and/or District Court in accordance with MGL c. 140, § 157. An appeal shall be made within 10 days of the postmark on the notice of the decision.

§ 15-13. Criminal complaint.

The Town may enforce this By-Law by filing an application for a criminal complaint in the District Court if a dog Owner or Keeper fails to comply with a citation or order and fails to appeal according to §§ 15-11 and 15-12 of this By-Law.

§ 15-14. Impoundment and release.

A. The Animal Control Officer may pick up any dog that the Animal Control Officer finds to be in violation of this By-Law as provided in § 15-6.

B. If, by license tag or other means, the owner of an impounded dog can be identified, the Animal Control Officer shall return the dog to the owner and issue a citation or he/she may take the dog to the Town Shelter and confine it in a humane manner. However, if the means of identification of the dog is by a tag other than a current license, the Animal Control Officer shall not release the dog until such time as the Owner obtains a license from the Town Clerk's Office. Dogs discovered to be unlicensed and/or without verifiable or current rabies vaccination shall be impounded until such time as the rabies vaccination is verified or made current by a veterinarian, and the dog is currently licensed by the Town.

C. Impounded dogs shall be kept for 10 days unless claimed by the Owner.

D. If a veterinarian determines that a dog is seriously ill or injured, and an Owner or Keeper is not discovered after reasonable efforts or, if found, the Owner or Keeper refuses to take custody of or provide the necessary veterinary treatment for said dog, the dog may be euthanized before the 10 days is over. However, if the Owner is known or later discovered, and the dog is euthanized, the Owner shall be responsible for any outstanding veterinarian bills incurred due to the treatment or euthanization of his/her dog.

E. No dog shall be released until all fees are paid.

(1) Fees may include:

- (a) Pickup
- (b) Keep per day.
- (c) Rabies vaccination.
- (d) License.
- (e) Outstanding veterinarian bills.

(2) Daily care and impoundment fees.

- (a) Daily care: \$30.00
- (b) Impoundment first offense: \$50.00
- (c) Impoundment second offense: \$75.00
- (d) Impoundment third and subsequent offense(s): \$100.00

F. Any dog not claimed after 10 days shall become the property of the Town under the custody of the Animal Control Officer. The dog may then be placed for adoption by the Town, released to a state-approved shelter/rescue for adoption or euthanized as deemed necessary by the Animal Control Officer in consultation with a veterinarian.

G. Dogs found to be without a current rabies vaccination or current Town license shall be impounded until such time as the rabies or licensing information can be either obtained or verified, or until such time as vaccination or licensing are brought to date as required by this article and Massachusetts General Law. MGL c.140, § 145B

H. The Owner of a dog impounded for lack of rabies vaccination or licensing, shall pay for the impoundment fees and any other fees incurred during the time the dog is impounded. Such fees may include, but are not limited to, impoundment fees, daily fees, and veterinarian fees.

§ 15-15. License revocation.

A. The Animal Control Advisory Board and/or the Board of Selectmen may revoke a license if any person fails to comply with this By-Law or any law governing the protection and keeping of dogs.

B. The Animal Control Advisory Board and/or the Board of Selectmen shall review all licenses issued to dog Owners against whom three or more violations of this By-Law have been found in the previous twelve-month licensing period.

C. Any owner whose license is revoked shall, within 10 days thereafter, be responsible for the placement or humane disposal of the offending dog, and no part of the license fee shall be refunded.

§ 15-16. Severability.

In the event that a clause of this By-Law is found in violation of state law, that clause shall be severable, and the remainder of the By-Law shall continue in full effect.

Before the vote was taken on this Article, a motion was made to remove the word "Authorized" when referring to Service Dogs which passed unanimously

(Vote – Unanimous Yes – Article 18 Passed)

Article 19 Voted to accept the amended Economic Development & Industrial Corporation's Economic Development Plan as follows:

Town of Belchertown
Economic Development & Industrial Corporation
Economic Development Plan

v. April 1, 2009

I. Overview

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation was established by an act , MGL 121 c, of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1992, for the purpose of transforming the former

Belchertown State School after closing into an economic contributor to the Town and to the State through the creation of jobs and tax base resulting from new enterprise.

II. Economic Development Plan

A. Introduction

The Belchertown Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) has been working on redevelopment of the former State School property since acquiring it from the State in 2002. Under the terms of that acquisition, such redevelopment must be in accord with a Town-approved Economic Development Plan. The 2001 Annual Town Meeting approved the first BEDIC Economic Development Plan, which was valid for seven years. That plan has now been revised and is being submitted to the Town for renewal of approval so the development of the property may continue. The revised Economic Development Plan now covers only the portion of the property originally acquired from the State which is still owned by the BEDIC.

B. Project History

Since the original Economic Development Plan was approved by Town Meeting in 2001, several changes to the project area have occurred through transfers and sales.

The BEDIC has been working on redevelopment of the remainder of the State School property since acquiring it from the State in 2002. Five individual lots on Parcels B and D, totaling 12.2 acres, have been sold to individual developers to date. Parcel E, 43 acres, has experienced near complete development with multiple businesses and public facilities already established. Although development of Parcel E and one of the lots on Parcel B continues, these six sales have produced a total assessed evaluation of \$6,171,200 (in 2008 value) and 68 full-time and another 46 part-time jobs for the community.

C. Site Description

The property, when initially conveyed from the State to the BEDIC, comprised four parcels, B, C, D and E, totaling approximately 272 acres (see Map 1). Following subsequent sales and transfers to the Town and State, the BEDIC still owns the majority of two parcels, B and D, totaling approximately 206 acres. This is what now comprises the "Site" (see Map 2). The Site is owned outright and managed by the BEDIC. It encompasses the majority of the main campus of the former State School complex (on Parcel B), as well as the remainder of the partially-developed Parcel D on the east side of Route 21.

D. Site Location and Access

The site under control of the EDIC remains in two (2) parcels: Parcel B and Parcel D. Parcel B is located between State Street, Route 202 and Jackson Street. It is accessed from Route 202 or Jackson Street.

Parcel D is located on Turkey Hill Road, Route 21, just south of its junction with Route 202. Access is from Route 21.

E. Proposed Development

It is the intent of the BEDIC to continue to work with the State, the Town, local and regional boards and groups and appropriate business interests to create and implement a viable set of development projects resulting in increased Town tax revenue, the creation of new jobs and/or retention of existing

jobs in the area. In addition, selected portions of the Site may be developed for recreational or other uses which will be of benefit to the Town. As this development continues, the BEDIC will transfer ownership of parcels of the property using established guidelines and processes to serve the best interests of the Town of Belchertown.

On Parcel D, the BEDIC will continue to work toward an approved subdivision plan which will permit the sale and development of additional lots. Efforts will also continue to achieve the redevelopment of parcel B. At this point, however, the vast majority of the area remaining for redevelopment in Parcel B consists of the main campus with its contaminated buildings and tunnels. Discussions and negotiations with potential developers over the past two years have indicated clearly that private funding for redevelopment of this area will not be available until that contamination has been remediated; private investors are simply unwilling to assume the cost, and the risk of such an extensive decontamination effort. Fortunately, thanks to the efforts of our legislative delegation, State funding of \$10 million for remediation has been authorized for bonding and has been further approved by the Governor. This funding has not yet been bonded nor released. When it is it will be administered by Mass Development and will be an important aid in achieving further redevelopment of the campus area.

Although details of further development remain to be defined, for the present the BEDIC will continue to pursue site development in a coordinated approach. In the spring of 2008, the BEDIC voted to support the concept of a mixed use and multiple individual businesses, either under the guidance of a master developer or as a series of separate but coordinated projects. This might include projects such as: offices, retail businesses, light industry, appropriate residential such as assisted living, health facilities, recreation, tourism and technology and education projects. Further expansion of municipal facilities may also be possible. We believe that the resource which was the former Belchertown State School is critical to the Town's future and we are committed to promoting the best and most appropriate development of the property.

F. Site Resources and Infrastructure

Parcel D is wooded and undeveloped.

Parcel B is the remainder of the "main campus" of the former State School and contains all the remaining buildings, paved and unpaved roads and fields. There are unused service tunnels throughout the property. The property is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The site is contaminated in many areas and the buildings are closed.

G. Zoning

Parcel B is zoned primarily as Business B with a smaller area zoned as Agricultural A. The entire parcel is covered by a "zoning district overlay" as a "Business and Technology Park", approved by Town Meeting in 2001. Parcel D is zoned entirely "Agricultural A". Zoning changes may be requested by the EDIC depending on the nature of the proposals for development which are received.

H. The Role of the Town and the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM)

The EDIC works closely with the leadership of the Town and with Town departments and boards to plan and approve development proposals. Both parcels under BEDIC management have current subdivision plans approved by the Planning Board. These plans provide a general guide for the sale of lots for business. The plan is amended from time to time to accommodate specific needs of a particular project to allow for sufficient area, access or location.

For each area of either parcel a purchase and sale agreement is entered into by the EDIC with a purchaser. That specific sale must be certified by the Planning Board as being in keeping with this Town approved article. That certification is forwarded to the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management. DCAM then gives final approval to the transfer of the designated parcel.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Vote not to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$118,531.12 for the installation of vinyl replacement windows at Lawrence Memorial Hall. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-0-1 Yes)

Peter Roberts (Historical District ByLaw Commission), Clifford McCarthy and Selectman James Barry spoke against this motion.

(Vote – Majority No – Did Not Pass)

Article 21 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$118,531.12 to complete the replacement of ventilators at the Cold Spring School. (Finance Committee voted to Take No Action 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 A motion was made to Take No Action on this Article to appropriate and transfer funds from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the restoration of the windows at Lawrence Memorial Hall, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works of the Town of Belchertown.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes - Take No Action)

Article 23 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, Section 112, Stormwater Management by replacing Section 112-5-A in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

- A. The Conservation Commission is hereby designated as the Stormwater Authority. The Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce this chapter. The Stormwater Authority may designate Town boards, including the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, or Board of Health, as its authorized agent for the purposes of reviewing stormwater submittals and making recommendations on stormwater permit applications for any project within that particular board's (the "reviewing board") jurisdiction. The reviewing board(s) shall notify the Stormwater Authority of its recommendations on stormwater management permit applications. Both the Stormwater Authority and the reviewing board(s) shall have authority to enforce this chapter.

And further, to amend Section 112-3, Definitions, by deleting the phrase "Department of Public Works" from the definition of "Stormwater Authority," and inserting in its place the phrase "Conservation Commission".

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire land or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way to allow for construction and roadway safety improvements.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to accept the following named ways within the Town of Belchertown as public ways: Whitlock Way & Berkshire Avenue as shown on the “Roadway Acceptance Plan” and provided by Sherman & Frydryk Land Surveying and Engineering, dated October 30, 2008 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 220, Page 24, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the necessary easements in the subject way and all related drainage easements.

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding the following language to Chapter 129, Vehicles and Traffic, §129-3. No-parking areas: B. No person shall park a motor vehicle on the westerly side of North Main Street from the intersection of Jackson Street and North Main Street for a distance northerly of 500 feet.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 27 A motion was made to Take No Action to raise and appropriate funds in the treasury to paint the exterior of the Belchertown Day School.

Vote – Unanimous Yes – Take No Action)

Article 28 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown by adding language specific to Public Consumption of Marihuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol , by adding the following language:

PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIHUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, § 32L.

After much debate a Motion was made to end the debate

(Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes)

A motion was made to amend this Article by striking the language “by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

(Vote – 98 Yes / 61 No – Article 28 Passed)

Article 29 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown by adding language specific to Nuisance House:

NUISANCE HOUSE

Purpose

In accordance with the Town of Belchertown Home Rule Authority, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town, this bylaw shall permit the Town to impose liability on owners and other responsible persons for to impose liability on owners and other responsible persons for allowing, encouraging or contributing to the consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons at gatherings on private property.

§1. Definitions

Alcohol means ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by whatever process produced.

Alcoholic beverage means all liquids intended for human consumption as a beverage which contain one half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume at sixty degree Fahrenheit, including malt beverages.

Eviction means actively trying to evict a tenant from a premise by delivery of a notice to quit and subsequent court proceedings, if a tenant fails to vacate the premises.

Gathering is a party, gathering, or event, where a group of persons have assembled or are assembling for a social occasion or social activity.

Legal Guardian means (1) a person who, by court order, is the guardian of the person of a minor; or (2) a public or private agency with whom a minor has been placed by the court.

Underage Person means any person under twenty-one years of age.

Parent means a person who is a natural parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, or stepparent of another person.

Premises mean any residence or other private property, place, or location, including any commercial or business property.

Property owner means the legal owner of record as listed by the tax assessors records.

Public Nuisance means a gathering of persons on any premises in a manner which constitutes a violation of law. Unlawful conduct includes, but is not limited to obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, illegal parking, public urination, the service of alcohol to underage persons, fights, disturbances of the peace, and litter.

Response costs are the costs associated with responses by law enforcement, fire, and other emergency response providers to a gathering as set forth in a schedule of costs established by the Board of Selectmen.

§2. Consumption of Alcohol by Underage Persons Prohibited in Public Place, Place Open to Public, or Place Not Open to Public

Except as permitted by state law, it is unlawful for any underage person to:

- (a) Consume at any public place or any place open to the public any alcoholic beverage; or
- (b) Consume at any place not open to the public any alcoholic beverage, unless in connection with the consumption of the alcoholic beverage the underage person is being supervised by his or her parent or legal guardian.

§3. Hosting, Permitting, or Allowing a Public Nuisance or Party, Gathering, or Event Where Underage Persons Consuming Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited

(a) It is the duty of any person having control of any premises who knowingly hosts, permits, or allows a gathering at said premises to take all reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages by any underage person at the gathering. Reasonable steps include, but are not limited to, controlling access to alcoholic beverages at the gathering; controlling the quantity of alcoholic beverages present at the gathering; verifying the age of persons attending the gathering by inspecting driver's licenses or other government-issued identification cards to ensure that underage persons do not consume alcoholic beverages while at the gathering; and supervising the activities of underage persons at the gathering.

(b) A gathering constituting a public nuisance may be abated by all reasonable means including, but not limited to, an order by the Police requiring the gathering to be disbanded and citation and/or arrest of any persons under any applicable provision of local or state law.

(c) It is unlawful for any person having control of any premises to knowingly host, permit, or allow a gathering to take place at said premises where at least one underage person consumes an alcoholic beverage, provided that the person having control of the premises either knows an underage person has consumed an alcoholic beverage or reasonably should have known that an underage person consumed an alcoholic beverage and the person having control of said premises failed to take all reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of an alcoholic beverage by an underage person.

(d) This Section shall not apply to conduct involving the use of alcoholic beverages that occurs exclusively between an underage person and his or her parent or legal guardian as set forth in G.L. c.138, §34.

(e) This Section shall not apply to any Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission licensee at any premises regulated by the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

§4. Mailing of Notice to Property Owner.

Notice of response by police or other local officials to a gathering shall be mailed to any property owner listed on the Town of Belchertown property tax assessment records and shall advise the property owner that the third such response on the same premises within a one year period, as measured from the date of the first notice, shall result in liability of the property owner for all penalties associated with such response as more particularly described below.

§5. Persons Liable for a First and Second Response to a Gathering Constituting a Public Nuisance.

If the police department is required to respond to a gathering constituting a public nuisance on the premises, the following persons shall be jointly and severally liable for fines as set forth below.

Response costs may also be assessed.

- (a) The person or persons residing on or otherwise in control of the property where such gathering took place.
- (b) The person or persons who organized or sponsored such gathering.
- (c) All persons attending such gatherings who engage in any activity resulting in the public nuisance.

§6. Persons Liable for a Third and Subsequent Response to a Gathering Constituting a Public Nuisance.

If the police department is required to respond to a gathering constituting a public nuisance on the premises more than twice in any one year period, as measured from the date of the first response, the following persons shall be jointly and severally liable for fines as set forth below. Response costs may also be assessed.

- (a) The person or persons who own the property where the gathering constituting the public nuisance took place, provided that notice of the first and second responses has been mailed to the owner of the property as set forth herein and the gathering occurs at least fourteen (14) days after the mailing the second such notice. The owner of the property shall not be held responsible for any violation and penalties if they are actively trying to evict a tenant from the property. The one year time period for violations for a property shall pertain only to the same residents occupying the property who have had the prior violation(s). New residents shall start a new time cycle of one year should they violate the bylaw.
- (b) The person or persons residing on or otherwise in control of the property where such gathering took place.
- (c) The person or persons who organized or sponsored such gathering.
- (d) All persons attending such gatherings who engage in any activity resulting in the public nuisance.

§7. Enforcement

This bylaw shall be enforced by criminal complaint in the District Court. Violations shall be punishable by a fine of \$300.00. In the alternative it may be enforced by the noncriminal disposition process of M.G.L. c.40 Section 21D. For the purpose of noncriminal enforcement, the enforcing persons shall be any police officer of the Town of Belchertown. If enforced pursuant to noncriminal disposition, the following fines shall apply:

First offense: \$200

Second offense: \$250

Third and subsequent offense: \$300

The Town of Belchertown may additionally seek administrative costs and response costs associated with enforcement of Sections 2 and 3, through all remedies or procedures provided by state or local law.

Sections 2 and 3 shall not limit the authority of police officers to make arrests for any criminal offense arising out of conduct regulated by Sections 2 and 3, nor shall they limit the Town of Belchertown or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' ability to initiate and prosecute any criminal offense arising out of the same circumstances necessitating the application of Sections 2 and 3.

§8. Local Authority and Severability

No provision of this bylaw shall apply where prohibited or preempted by state or federal law. If any provision of this bylaw, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is declared invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this bylaw which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, to this end the provisions of this bylaw are severable.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 30 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 10, Alcoholic Beverages §10-1. Open Containers, by replacing it in its entirety with the following language, except that the printing of M.G.L. c. 272, §59 is for informational purposes only and not part of the proposed bylaw.

Open containers of Alcohol 10.1

No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage nor possess or transport any open can, bottle or other container containing any alcoholic beverage outdoors on any town street, sidewalk, way or public property including but not limited to parking lots, parks, school playgrounds, recreation areas, or conservation areas. except that this section shall not apply at events or festivals duly licensed by the Board of Selectmen, the local licensing authority of the town, and approved, in writing, by the board, commission, department or official of the town having the care and custody of the premises so licensed, to the extent of such license and approval.

Whoever violates this section shall pay a fine of not more than \$50.00 for each violation or be subject to arrest pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 272 Section 59.

CHAPTER 272. CRIMES AGAINST CHASTITY, MORALITY, DECENCY AND GOOD ORDER.

Chapter 272: Section 59. Ordinances or regulations relating to streets, reservations, or parkways; alcoholic beverages; profanity; arrest without warrant.

Section 59. Whoever remains in a street or elsewhere in a town in willful violation of an ordinance or by-law of such town or of any rule or regulation for the government or use of any public reservation, parkway or boulevard made under authority of law by any department, officer or board in charge thereof, whoever is in a street or elsewhere in a town in willful violation of an ordinance or by-law of such town or of any rule or regulation for the government or use of any public reservation, parkway or boulevard made under authority of law by any department, officer or board in charge thereof, the substance of which is the drinking or possession of alcoholic beverage, and whoever in a street or other public place accosts or addresses another person with profane or obscene language, in willful violation of an ordinance or by-law of such town, may be arrested without a warrant by an officer authorized to

serve criminal process in the place where the offence is committed and kept in custody until he can be taken before a court having jurisdiction of the offence.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 31 CITIZEN PETITION – Voted No, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44B, §16 of the Community Preservation Act, to approve an amendment to the amount of the property tax surcharge which amendment shall reduce said surcharge to .001 per cent of the taxes assessed annually on real property and shall be dedicated to the Community Preservation Fund, such amended surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2010, and to otherwise leave all exemptions and other terms of acceptance of said Community Preservation Act heretofore voted in place.

A motion was made to end the debate. (Vote – 2/3 required – 2/3 Yes)

(Vote – Majority No – Article 31 Did Not Pass)

Article 32 Voted to adopt Clause 5A of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5. This local option provides a property tax exemption of \$400,000 worth of real and personal property owned by or held in trust for veterans organizations and used for their organization's charitable purposes.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 33 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended by adding the following Trench Permit By-Law:

Trench Permit By-Law

Beginning March 1, 2009, all excavators must obtain a permit prior to the creation of a trench made for a construction-related purpose on public or private land or rights-of-way, in accordance with Chapter 82A of the Massachusetts General Laws and 520 CMR 14.00 *et seq.* Applications for trench permits shall be made to the Building Inspector, who is designated as the Town "Permitting Authority," as provided in 520 CMR 14.03(2)(b).

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 34 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$11,760.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY2010; and further, that the Town reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- \$23,521.00 from FY 2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- \$23,521.00 from FY 2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- \$23,521.00 from FY 2010 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

- Article 35** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$8,100.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for fencing and protection of the historic Lake Vale Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 36** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$31,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the preservation and protection of the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works of the Town of Belchertown.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 37** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$4,388.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserves and \$4,388.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the acquisition of the parcels of land known as Lake Wallace and Foley Field, now or formerly owned by the Belchertown EDIC, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 6614, Page 331, for open space and recreational purposes; and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments necessary to effectuate this vote; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a perpetual conservation restriction in said land in accordance with G.L. c. 184 § 31, as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B as amended, to any organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction in accordance with G.L. c. 44B.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote - Unanimous Yes)
- Article 38** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$29,800.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation of the playing fields at Foley Field, with such funds to be expended under the direction of School Department, with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 39** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$3,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the inspection and preservation of the historic dam at the Scarborough Brook Conservation Area, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 40** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$9,567.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for preservation of historical town documents and artifacts, such funds to be expended under the direction of the Town Clerk. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
- Article 41** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$10,325.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of improving climate control at the Stone House Museum to preserve and rehabilitate the Museum and its contents, pursuant to a grant agreement with

the Belchertown Historical Association; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 42 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$8,300.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of preserving, rehabilitating and improving the structural integrity of the Stone House Museum, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown Historical Association; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 43 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$25,420.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of acquiring, preserving and moving the historic Washington District Schoolhouse, pursuant to a grant agreement with the Belchertown Historical Association; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, provided, however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such preservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 44 Vote to appropriate and transfer \$15,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of creating and protecting a recreation path pursuant to a grant agreement with to the Belchertown Land Trust Inc.; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, provided, however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a conservation restriction in such property; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such conservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 45 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$10,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the purpose of preserving, restoring and rehabilitating the historic Bridgman House on Park Place within the Belchertown Historic District, pursuant to a grant agreement with Janet Maurer; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, provided, however, that said agreement shall include

a requirement that the Town be granted a historic preservation restriction in such property; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such preservation restriction.
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 46 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$5,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the inspection and preservation of the historic dam on the Swift River pursuant to a grant agreement with to the Belchertown Land Trust Inc.; and authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended, provided, however, that said agreement shall include a requirement that the Town be granted a conservation restriction in such property; and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept such conservation restriction. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 4-0-1)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting Adjourned at 10:42PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2009
FY09**

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None					
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases.	\$100.00	100.00			
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	30,000.00			
6	None					
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	7,500.00				7,500.00 (from Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.)
8	None					
9	Itemized Budget					
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	1,534,451.00				
	1. Moderator, Salary		0			
	Expenses		0			
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00			
	Wages		0			
	Expenses		4,516.00			
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		89,412.00			
	Wages		95,650.00			
	Expenses		7,779.00			
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		61,675.00			
	Wages		95,335.00			
	Expenses		21,870.00			
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		45,754.00			
	Wages		51,375.00			
	Expenses		12,618.00			
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		61,675.00			
	Wages		147,235.00			
	Expenses		57,025.00			
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		53,418.00			
	Wages		48,701.00			
	Expenses		121,225.00			
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00			
	Assessor (Salary)		60,286.00			
	Wages		183,660.00			
	Expenses		17,300.00			
	Field Review Update		0			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00			
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0			
	10. Finance Cmte, Expenses		250.00			
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00			
	Wages		11,100.00			
	Expenses		8,720.00			
	12. Planning Board, Salary		62,704.00			
	Wages		26,660.00			
	Expenses		3,025.00			
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00			
	Expenses		695.00			
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00			
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00			
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00			
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		500.00			
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		41,121.00			15,000.00 from Wetlands Hearing Fees Account
	Wages		15,000.00			
	Expenses		1,717.00			
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	2,957,769.00				
	19. Police Department, Salary		145,817.00			
	Wages		1,397,463.00			
	Expenses		258,173.00			
	20. Emergency Medical Services, Salary					63,337.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Wages		67,372.00			356,663.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses		121,075.00			
	21. Fire Department, Salary		71,196.00			
	Full Time Wages		86,830.00			
	Wages		72,100.00			
	Expenses		105,016.00			
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00			
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		24,115.00			
	24. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		19,135.00			
	Salary		3,600.00			
	(Asst. Dog Officer)					
	Wages		6,465.00			
	Expenses		16,364.00			
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		58,836.00			
	Wages		59,792.00			
	Expenses		14,900.00			
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00			
	Expenses		1,170.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	24,384,131.00				
	27. Town School Department					
	Foundation Spending		22,587,011.00	224,000.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,573,120.00			
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	762,996.00				
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District					
	Net Budget		762,996.00			
	DPW – Highways	1,301,792.00				
	29. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary		71,792.00			
	Wages		612,100.00			
	Uniforms		10,750.00			
	Expenses		750.00			
	30. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		10,200.00			
	31. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		199,000.00			
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		121,450.00			
	33. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		103,500.00			
	34. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		37,700.00			
	35. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		87,500.00			
	36. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		17,000.00			
	37. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		30,050.00			
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL					
	38. Transfer Station (Total) Wages	367,284.00				84,040 from Landfill receipts 204,966.00 from Landfill Receipts; 78,278.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Expenses					
	Hazardous Waste Day					
	39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total) Wages	1,596,685.00	188,008.00			29,457.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash 37,784.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash; 461,051.00 from Sewer receipts 684,485.00 from Sewer receipts 195,900.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses					
	Maturing Debt					
	Maturing Debt Interest					
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	665,019.00				
	40. Board of Health, Salary Wages		2,825.00			
	Expenses		4,900.00			
	41. Council on Aging, Salary Wages		9,607.00			
	Expenses		55,508.00			
			310,024.00			
			31,780.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		40,500.00			
	Agent Expenses		1,940.00			
	Veterans Benefits		178,900.00			
	43. Veterans Graves-Expenses		1,150.00			
	44. DPW – Cemetery Department Wages		0			
	Expenses		27,785.00			
	45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00			
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	688,604.00				
	46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary Wages		65,563.00			
	Expenses		226,275.00			
	47. Parks and Recreation, Salary Wages		86,171.00			
	Expenses		55,508.00			
	48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		174,145.00			
	49. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		8,510.00			
	50. Teen Center, Wages		33,932.00			
	Expenses		3,100.00			
	51. Family Center, Expenses		29,600.00			
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	702,373.00				
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		335,535.00			
	Expenses		56,018.00			
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		51,800.00			
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		3,750.00			
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00			
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		8,350.00			
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		8,600.00			
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		55,420.00			
	59. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		28,550.00			
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		62,650.00			
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		12,350.00			
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		26,950.00			
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		3,000.00			
	64. DPW-Fire Station., Expenses		35,950.00			
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,000.00			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	66. DPW-Tagli/MEME Space, Expenses		11,850.00			
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	2,981,414.00				
	67. General insurance, Expense		161,182.00	108,194.00	10,000.00	
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses				10,000.00	
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		779,886.00		199,614.00	
	70. Health Insurance, Expenses		4,400.00			
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		82,000.00			
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		1,626,138.00			
	73. Pensions, Expenses					
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	57,223.00				
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00			
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00			
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00			
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		3,350.00			
	78. Unclassified Account, Expenses		52,725.00			
	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT (Total)	3,638,896.00				
	79. Interest, Expenses		1,238,896.00			
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,400,000.00			
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (Total)	10,000.00				
	81. Council of Governments, Assessment		10,000.00			
10-20	None					118,531.12 - Balance of CHCS Roof Appropriation
21	Cold Spring School ventilators	118,531.12				
22-33	None					11,760.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
34	Community Preservation Admin Expense	11,760.00				23,521.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	23,521.00				23,521.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Historic District Resources	23,521.00				23,521.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Community Housing	23,521.00				23,521.00 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
35	CPA - Lake Vale Cemetery	8,100.00				8,100.00 from CPA Fund Balance
36	CPA - Mt. Hope Cemetery	31,000.00				31,000.00 from CPA Fund Balance
37	CPA - Lake Wallace & Foley Field	8,776.00				4,388.00 from CPA Open Space Reserves; 4,388.00 from CPA Fund Balance
38	CPA - Foley Field Rehabilitation	29,800.00				29,800.00 from CPA Fund Balance
39	CPA - Scarborough Brook Dam	3,500.00				3,500.00 from CPA Fund Balance
40	CPA - Town Clerk- Preservation	9,567.00				9,567.00 from CPA Fund Balance
41	CPA - Stone House Museum-climate control	10,325.00				10,325.00 from CPA Fund Balance
42	CPA - Stone House Museum-structural integrity	8,300.00				8,300.00 from CPA Fund Balance
43	CPA - Washington District Schoolhouse	25,420.00				25,420.00 from CPA Fund Balance
44	CPA - Beichertown Land Trust, Inc., recreation path	15,000.00				15,000.00 from CPA Fund Balance
45	CPA - Bridgman House on Park Place	10,000.00				10,000.00 from CPA Fund Balance
46	CPA - Beichertown Land Trust, Inc., Swift River Dam	5,000.00				5,000.00 from CPA Fund Balance
TOTAL		42,051,879.12	38,915,968.00	332,194.00	219,614.00	2,584,103.12

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held November 10, 2009 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium.

FY10

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM

Registered voters present – 925 (Quorum requires 75)

Terry Nagel, Moderator, thanked everyone for their patience and explained that the delay in the start of the meeting was to allow those remaining registered voters who were in line at 7:00PM to be checked in.

Article 1 Voted to accept as a public way Helen Lane as shown on an “As Built Plan” for “Helen Lane Subdivision” provided by Anderson Associates, dated September 22, 2005 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Book 204, Page 24, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements in connection therewith.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$220,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. This was to replenish funds taken out of the Stabilization Fund at the Annual Town Meeting in May, 2009. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3/ Required – Passed 2/3 Yes)

Article 3 Voted to reduce the following line items in the annual budget for fiscal year 2010 by the following amounts:

Fire Department Expense	\$10,500.00
General Insurance	\$5,000.00
Police Department Wage	\$62,000.00
Highway Department Wage	\$5,300.00
Computing Wage	\$2,000.00
Inspection Services Wage	\$5,000.00
Conservation Wage	\$10,000.00
Town Beach Expense	\$2,000.00
Council on Aging Expense	\$4,000.00
Police Station Expense	\$500.00
Senior Center Building Expense	\$500.00
Interest on Debt	\$5,000.00
Computing Expense	\$3,000.00
Landfill Enterprise Expense	\$25,000.00
Schools Expense	<u>\$127,840.00</u>
	\$267,640.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to transfer the sums outlined below in the fiscal year 2010 budget.

Transfer From	Amount	To
Highway Wage	\$20,000.00	Veterans' Benefits
Highway Wage	\$26,000.00	Unemployment

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority required - Majority Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer from the Unclassified Account the sum of \$360.23 to pay the following unpaid bids of a prior year:

- Citizen Security Services: \$143.75
- Ricoh, USA: \$216.48

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 90% required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted ***not*** to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from the Clapp Memorial Library, a corporation established by Chapter 134 of the Acts of 1887, by gift, purchase or otherwise the parcel of land and the improvements thereon known as the Clapp Memorial Library, located at 19 South Main Street, Belchertown, and described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 413, Page 101, for public library purposes, and further authorize the Selectmen to lease said property to or contract with the Clapp Memorial Library with respect to the terms of the donation thereof and/or for the operation thereof as a free public library for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Town, for a term of up to ninety-nine (99) years and on such terms and conditions and for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Selectmen deem appropriate; and further that the sum of \$9,300,000 be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs of designing, renovating and expanding the Clapp Memorial Library, including originally equipping and furnishing the addition to said library and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, including a project manager, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have been awarded a grant to pay costs of this project from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of at least \$3,300,000. The amounts authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts received by the Town for this project, from any sources whatsoever. (Not Endorsed by Finance Committee 2-3-0 No)

The debate went on for a little less than hour with ten citizens speaking (five on each side of the topic)

(Vote – 2/3/ Required – 407 Yes – 485 No – Did Not Pass)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 10, 2009
FY10

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	None			
2	\$220,000		\$220,000 to Stabilization Fund	
3	(267,640)	(\$10,500) from Fire Dept Expense, (5,000) from General Insurance, (62,000) Police Dept Wage, (5,300) from highway Dept Wage, (2,000) from Computing Wage, (5,000) from Inspection Services Wage, (10,000) Conservation Wage, (2,000) from Town Beach Expense, (4,000) from Council on Aging Expense, (500) from Police Station Expense, (500) from Senior Ctr Building Expense, (5,000) from Interest on Debt, (3,000) from Computing Expense, (127,840) from School Expense.		(\$25,000) from Landfill Enterprise Expense
4	46,000			\$20,000 from Highway Wage to Veterans' Benefits, 26,000 from Highway Wage to Unemployment.
5	360.23			\$360.23 from Unclassified Accounts to: 143.75 for Citizen Security Services, 216.48 for Ricoh, USA
6	None			
TOTAL	\$266,360.23 (\$267,640.00)	(242,640)	\$220,000.00	\$46,360.23 (\$25,000)

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election
May 18, 2009

OFFICE	*Denotes Elected	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Town Clerk	*William R. Barnett		275	275	363	229	1142
3 years	Sundry Writeins		3	1	2	0	6
Vote for one		Blank	85	63	102	77	327
		Total	363	339	467	306	1475
Board of Selectmen	*Ronald E. Aponte		161	187	303	99	750
3 years	Gerald A. Grasso		150	163	261	94	668
Vote for two	*Kenneth E. Elstein		239	199	223	236	897
	Sundry Writeins		9	7	1	6	23
		Blank	167	122	146	177	612
		Total	726	678	934	612	2950
School Committee	*Paul G. Anziano		228	244	336	188	996
3 years	*Clare Popowich		214	230	316	186	946
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		4	1	1	2	8
		Blanks	280	203	281	236	1000
		Total	726	678	934	612	2950
Planning Board	*James J. Natle		241	244	322	199	1006
5 years	Sundry Writeins		3	0	1	0	4
Vote for one		Blank	119	95	144	107	465
		Total	363	339	467	306	1475
Housing Authority	*Sally M. Dodge		240	244	336	204	1024
5 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	1	0	1
Vote for one		Blank	123	95	130	102	450
		Total	363	339	467	306	1475
Board of Assessors	*William J. Huber		220	239	318	186	963
3 years	Sundry Writeins		1	1	1	3	6
Vote for one		Blank	142	99	148	117	506
		Total	363	339	467	306	1475
Board of Health	*Roger M. Bonsall		240	244	323	198	1005
3 years	Sundry Writeins		1	0	1	0	2
Vote for one		Blank	122	95	143	108	468
		Total	363	339	467	306	1475
Councilor-Hampshire	*William R. Barnett		253	251	332	210	1046
Council of Governments	*Donald J. Pipczynski		221	226	302	205	954
2 years	Sundry Writeins		2	0	1	0	3
Vote for two		Blank	250	201	299	197	947
		Total	726	678	934	612	2950

**Belchertown, MA
Annual Town Election**

May 18, 2009

<u>Belchertown Registered Voters</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Democrat	626	698	746	715	2785
	Republican	301	369	419	233	1322
	Green-Rainbow	7	3	6	15	31
	Libertarian	2	12	6	9	29
	Unenrolled	1222	1389	1453	1174	5238
	Other	0	1	2	1	4
	Total	2158	2472	2632	2147	9409
	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	Vote Cast on 5/18/09	363	339	467	306	1475
	15.7% Voted					
Attest:						
William R. Barnett						
Town Clerk						

SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
DECEMBER 8, 2009
BELCHERTOWN, MA

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
DEMOCRATIC							
Senator in Congress	Michael E. Capuano		71	75	67	97	310
(Vote for One)	Martha Coakley		99	119	141	126	485
	Alan A. Khazel		24	17	12	29	82
	Stephen G. Pagliuca		18	32	39	29	118
	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total		213	243	259	281	996
REPUBLICAN							
Senator in Congress			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
(Vote for One)	Scott P. Brown		40	43	48	31	162
	Jack E. Robinson		8	6	12	2	28
	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total		48	49	62	33	192
LIBERTARIAN							
Senator in Congress			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
(Vote for One)	Blanks		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0	0
	Registered Voters	PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	637	701	748	732	2818
		Republican	307	374	419	238	1338
		Libertarian	2	15	6	9	32
		Unenrolled	1238	1407	1476	1197	5318
		Others	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>32</u>
		TOTALS	2190	2502	2655	2191	9538
	Voted on 1/2008	PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	12.5% Voted		261	292	321	314	1188
Attest:							
	William R. Barnett						
	Town Clerk						

2010 Annual Town Report



Town of Belchertown

2010

Annual Town Report of the Town Officers



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Town of Belchertown

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ON THE COVER: This photograph of Lake Arcadia shows the beauty of the Holland Glen Forest. Through a state Land and Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant, applied for and subsequently approved in October of 2010, the Town of Belchertown will acquire approximately 300 acres of the Holland Glen Forest Conservation Area which consists of waterfalls and woodlands.

Cover photograph taken by: Lew Louraine of Belchertown

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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2010 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2011
Ellen Lachance	5/2011

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2010
Eric Bright	5/2011
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2012
Monika Schrauder	5/2013

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2010
<i>(resigned 5/31/2010)</i>	
Donald J. Pipczynski	5/2011
<i>(resigned 6/21/2010)</i>	
Simon James <i>(appt 8/9/2010)</i>	5/2011
William R. Barnett	5/2011
Donald L. Minney	5/2012
Kyle Vincent	5/2012

Board of Assessors

Thomas A. Barry	5/2011
William J. Huber	5/2012
Samuel J. Joyal	5/2013

Board of Health

Sean J. Cleary	5/2011
Robert B. Hutchinson	5/2011
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2012
Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2013
Gary R. Racicot	5/2013

Housing Authority

James J. Gambaro	5/2011
F. Knowlton Utley	5/2013
Sally M. Dodge	5/2014
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2015
Vacant (State Mbr)	
John Taras <i>(resigned 3/10/2010)</i>	5/2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2011
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Michael A. O'Connor	11/2010
Judith C. Dudek	11/2012
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2015

Planning Board

Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2011
Christopher Laurenzo	5/2012
Louis Faassen	5/2013
James J. Natle	5/2014
George R. Synan	5/2015

School Committee

Eric L. Weiss	5/2011
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2011
Paul G. Anziano	5/2012
Clare Popowich	5/2012
Beverly Phaneuf	5/2013

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2010
Alfred J. Roccanti	5/2010
James A. Barry	5/2011
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2012
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2012
George D. Archible	5/2013
William R. Barnett	5/2013

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2012
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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2010 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report

(appt 7/26/2010)

Agricultural Commission

Hope Guardenier	6/30/10
Michael Austin – Assoc. Mbr	6/30/10

(appt 1/11/2010)

Grace Adzima	6/30/11
Will Shattuck	6/30/11
Matthew J. Kotowski-Assoc Mbr	6/30/11

(appt 1/11/2010)

Susan Gay – Assoc. Mbr..	6/30/11
Daniel Beaudette – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
Alan Page	6/30/12
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/13
Hope Guardenier	6/30/13

Animal Control Advisory Board **(Members appt 11/22/2010)**

John Wellman	6/30/11
Sonya Hawkins	6/30/11
Brian Breveleri	6/30/11
Joan D'Ambrosia	6/30/12
Irene Spring	6/30/12

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton	4/30/11
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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Assistant Animal Control Officer

Katherine Thibedeau	4/30/11
Janet Lipscomb	4/30/11

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/11
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/11
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**Belchertown's Community
Emergency Response Coordinator**
Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local- Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Preservation Committee

Cliff McCarthy - At-Large Mbr	6/30/10
James Gambaro - Housing Authority	6/30/10
Megan Manitsas - Recreation Commission	6/30/11
James Natle - Planning Board	6/30/11
Debbie Whitney - At-Large Mbr	6/30/11

(appt 9/8/09)

Tracey Thompson (appt 8/12/10)	6/30/11
Housing Authority	
Linda Leduc (appt 5/26/09) - Conservation Commission	6/30/12
Leslie Squires - Historical Commission	6/30/12
Betsy Loughran - At-Large Mbr	6/30/12
Edwina Cruise - At-Large Mbr	6/30/13

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Conservation Commission

Larry Therrien	6/30/10
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/11
Linda Leduc	6/30/11
Michael Cavatorta – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
John J. Henry – Assoc. Mbr. (<i>appt 4/26/2010</i>)	6/30/11
David M. Haines	6/30/12
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/12
John M. Clements	6/30/12
Edward T. Knight	6/30/13
John Henry (<i>appt 9/7/2010</i>)	6/30/13

Council on Aging

Irene Clark	6/30/10
Elaine Hitchcock	6/30/11
Sandra Farron	6/30/11
Erin Lamoureux - Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
Sandy Riley – Assoc. Mbr (<i>appt 3/29/10</i>)	6/30/11
Maureen Guzik – Assoc Mbr (<i>appt 8/9/2010</i>)	6/30/11
Bonnie Strickland – Assoc Mbr (<i>appt 9/13/2010</i>)	6/30/11
Jill Chaban – Assoc Mbr (<i>appt 9/13/2010</i>)	6/30/11
Esther Pierce	6/30/12
David Small	6/30/12
Patricia Kleeberg	6/30/12
Thomas Soja	6/30/13
Lois J. Dorn (<i>appt 8/9/2010</i>)	6/30/13

Belchertown Cultural Council

Daniel Green	6/30/10
Ashley K. Butler	6/30/10
Linda Cunningham	6/30/10
Matt Grillo	6/30/11
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/11
Sharon Marean	6/30/11
Jennifer Whitehead	6/30/12
Bruce Klockars	6/30/12
Lew Holzman	6/30/12

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DIF Committee

James Barry - Selectman	
Gary Brougham – Town Administrator	
Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer	
Douglas Albertson - Planner	
John Whelihan – Assessor	
Loy Harris - EDIC	
Paul Silva – Finance Committee	

**Economic Development & Industrial
Corporation (EDIC)**

Richard Kump - Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Jennifer Fay (<i>appt 1/11/2010</i>)	6/30/10
Ken Dorey - Low Income Seat	6/30/11
Juanita M. Hollar – Real Estate	6/30/11
Kirk Stephens - At-Large Seat	6/30/12
Beth Maroney – Financial Seat (<i>appt 3/8/2010</i>)	6/30/13
Jonathan Spiegel - At-Large Seat	6/30/13
William A. Terry - Govt. Seat	6/30/13

EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer EMT-Paramedic	
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EMS Department

Scott Kozak – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/10
Benjamin Saunders – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/10
Jeffrey Lavoie – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/10
Judi Searle – Part-Time EMT Intermediate	6/30/10
Jonathan T. Smith – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/11
Richard Blomstrom – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/11
Jan Thornton – Part-Time EMT Basic	6/30/11
John Hawley – Part-Time EMT Intermediate	6/30/11
John Lebreque – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/11
Kate O'Connor – Part-Time EMT Paramedic	6/30/11

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Energy Committee

Committee established 4/6/2009

Peter Landry	6/30/10
Patrick Daly	6/30/10
Thom Wright	6/30/10
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/11
Cindy Janke	6/30/11
Gordon Boyce	6/30/11
Rob Rizzo	6/30/11
Frank Lomanno	6/30/11
Alan Weiss (<i>appt 9/7/2010</i>)	6/30/11
Jeffrey Davis (<i>appt 11/22/2010</i>)	6/30/11

Fair Committee

Kevin LaCroix	6/30/10
Sean Walker (<i>resigned 6/7/10</i>)	6/30/10
Marguerite Brennan	6/30/11
Darlene Coulombe	6/30/11
Kevin Brown	6/30/11
Mark Nute	6/30/11
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/11
Cindy Brown	6/30/11
Carla Chaisson	6/30/11
Scott Brown	6/30/11
William Austin	6/30/11

Belchertown Family Center

Amy Scott	6/30/10
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/11
Stacy Stackhouse	6/30/12
Lori Allen	6/30/12
April Czupryna	6/30/13

Finance Committee

Paul M. Silva	6/30/11
Laurie Shea	6/30/11
Kate DeCou	6/30/12
Steven Rose	6/30/13
Mary Olberding	6/30/13

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

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Joint Commission for Foley Field

Commission disbanded 3/15/2010

Robert Rizzo –	Final Report
Conservation Rep	
Daniel Beaudette –	Final Report
Planning Board Rep	
Ed Sokolowski –	Final Report
Recreation Comm. Rep	
Alfred Roccanti – Board of	Final Report
Selectmen Rep	
Kirk Stephens, EDIC Rep	Final Report
(<i>appt 2/23/09</i>)	
Richard Barry, EDIC Rep	Final Report
(<i>resigned 2/9/2009</i>)	

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire/ EMS Merger Study Committee

Committee disbanded 9/7/2010

Larry Therrien	Final Report
Mark Brouillette	Final Report
Michael Greco	Final Report
James Hodgson	Final Report
David Auchter	Final Report
Jill Panto - Town Acct.	Final Report
Gary Brougham – Town	Final Report
Administrator	

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's

Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/11
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Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf – Director of Public Health	6/30/11
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/11
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Inspector of Animal

Thomas Flebotte (<i>appt 4/8/09</i>)	4/30/10
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Historical Commission

Shannon Materka	6/30/10
Steven Cole	6/30/10
Alice M. Pelissier-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Judith Fuller Gillan-Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
Leslie Squires	6/30/11
Erika A. Hamilton	6/30/11
Sue Fulton	6/30/11
F. Knowlton Utlej	6/30/12
Maxine H. Oland	6/30/12
Kim Libucha (<i>appt 9/20/2010</i>)	6/30/13

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/10
Rob Condon - At Large Seat (<i>resigned 9/20/2010</i>)	6/30/11
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/11
Denise Smith–Historic Assoc. Rep.	6/30/12
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/12
Thomas Stockton – Resident/ Property Owner (<i>appt9/13/2010</i>)	13

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**Housing Needs and
Assessment Committee**

(members appointed 3/1/2010)

Becky Phaneuf (<i>resigned 5/18/10</i>)	6/30/11
Michael Bell (<i>resigned 6/7/10</i>)	6/30/12
Joanne Gagnon (<i>resigned 8/23/10</i>)	6/30/13
Michele Snizek	6/30/11
Todd Farnsworth	6/30/12
Robert L. Stephens	6/30/13
Patricia M. LaFore (<i>appt 3/15/10</i>)	6/30/13

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/11
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/11
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Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/11
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**Assistant Inspector of
Plumbing and Gas Fittings**

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/11
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Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko	6/30/11
Brian Varney	6/30/11
Douglas Rae	6/30/11

Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/10
Susan Gay, Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/11
George (Archie) Archible	6/30/13
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/11
Edward T. Knight	6/30/12
William Bowan)	6/30/12
Leslie Squires	6/30/13

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Personnel Board

Kelly Flynn		6/30/10
Simon James		6/30/11
Sharon Riley		6/30/12
Katharine Higgins-Shea		6/30/12
Richard J. Fritsch		6/30/13

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson		
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**Planning Board – Alternate Voting
Member for Special Permits**

Mark Andrews		6/30/11
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Playground Committee

Members appointed March 15, 2010

Richard Barree	Final Report	
<i>(resigned 7/12/10)</i>		
Michael Seward	Final Report	
<i>(resigned 11/7/2010)</i>		
Eric Weiss	Final Report	
Kenneth Elstein	Final Report	
Andrew Gatesman	Final Report	

Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report	
James Phaneuf	Final Report	
John Drawec	Final Report	
Diane Smith	Final Report	
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report	

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.		
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Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson		6/30/10
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Police Department – Sergeants

(Full-time)

Bruce Jenks		6/30/11
David Conkey		6/30/11
Kevin Pacunas		6/30/11
William A. Panto		6/30/11

Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Full-time)

Edward H. Oey		6/30/11
James Daniels		6/30/11
Valerie Cote		6/30/11
Adam Brougham		6/30/11
Neil Lozier		6/30/11
John Raymer		6/30/11
Jason Krol		6/30/11
Steven W. Henn, Jr.		6/30/11
Dennis Fitzgerald		6/30/11
David Williams		6/30/11
Jason Christofori		6/30/11
Michael Beaupre		6/30/11
Michael Roney		6/30/11
Jacob Strange		6/30/11
<i>(appt 8/23/10; eff. 8/4/2010)</i>		

Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Part-time)

William C. Zobka, Jr.		6/30/11
Peter J. Gaj		6/30/11
Josh Dufresne		6/30/11
Andrew Sieracki		6/30/11
James Taylor		6/30/11
Anthony Sotolotto		6/30/11
Brent Noyes		6/30/11
Jeremiah McBride		6/30/11
David Conkey <i>(eff. 8/1/10)</i>		6/30/11

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Police Station Building Committee

(Committee disbanded 4/6/2009)

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/11
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/11
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/11

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Daniel Beaudette	6/30/10
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/11

PVTA Advisory Board

David Small	6/30/10
Maxine Gillis (appt 1/4/2010)	12/31/10
Non-voting Disabled Commuter Community Rep. (resigned 6/30/10)	

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Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce

Business Assistance Loan Program

(Belchertown Representative)

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/11
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Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce

Regional Economic Development

(Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

**Quaboag Valley Chamber of
Commerce Tourism Committee**

(Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Recreation Commission

Kathleen Williams	6/30/10
Edward Sokolowski-Assoc.Mbr.	6/30/10
Thomas P. Kubacki	6/30/10
Megan Manitsas	6/30/11
Karen Corey	6/30/11
Andrew French	6/30/11
Shannon Synan	6/30/11
Yosef Nimni – Assoc Mbr (appt 11/22/2010)	6/30/11
Lisa Gustafson	6/30/12
Kelly A. Harris	6/30/13
Edward Sokolowski (appt 10/25/10)	6/30/13
Shannon Synan (appt full mbr 11/22/2010)	6/30/13

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory)

**Regional Economic Development
Commission Regarding the Ware River
Valley Regional Economic Target Area**

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Name Office Term Expires

Regional Casino Impact Study Committee

Michael Reardon
Gerald Grasso - Alternate Mbr

Registrars of Voters

Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/10
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/11
Linda E. Barron	3/31/12
William R. Barnett	6/30/12
MaryCatherine Knight	6/30/13
<i>(appt 3/8/10)</i>	

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury -	3/31/11
Belchertown High School	

Precinct Coordinator

John D. Burns	8/31/11
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Election Officers – Precinct A

George R. Harrell (Warden)	8/31/11
Caroline Joyal (Clerk)	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane K. Ricchiazzi (Warden)	8/31/11
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge(Warden)	8/31/11
Samuel J. Joyal (Clerk)	8/31/11

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	8/31/11
Michael J. Griffin (Clerk)	8/31/11

Rent Control Board

Steven Syriac	6/30/11
Simon James	6/30/14
Donald Minney	6/30/15

Name Office Term Expires

Belchertown Scholarship

Fund Committee

Michael O'Connor	6/30/10
Keith Poulin	6/30/10
Judith Houle	6/30/11
Simon R. James	6/30/11
Clare Popowich	6/30/11
Theresa Glanville	6/30/11
Sharon Barnett	6/30/11
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/11
Judith Dudek (Pathfinder)	6/30/11
<i>(appt 6/21/2010)</i>	

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/11
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Skate Park Committee

H. Bradford Rose	6/30/10
Laura Tan	6/30/10
Marcia G. Gamache -Assoc.	6/30/10
Mbr.	
David Belknap <i>(appt Associate Mbr 10/13/2009)</i>	6/30/10
Jeremy Shaw – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Richard Downey – Assoc. Mbr.	6/30/10
Christine Shaw	6/30/11
Ed Lofland <i>(appt Full Member 10/13/2009)</i>	6/30/11
Nancy Voyer	6/30/12

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George "Archie" Archible,
Selectman
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/10
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Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director	Final Report

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Paul Nelson	6/30/11
Frank Lomanno	6/30/11
James Burke	6/30/11
Christopher deHahn	6/30/11
Joseph Gohra	6/30/11
Lew Louraine	6/30/11
Yosef Yimni (<i>appt 11/8/2010</i>)	6/30/11

Trail Stewardship Council

(members appointed 10/19/2009)

Richard Cole III - Landowners	6/30/10
LeeAnne Connolly - Town	6/30/11
Douglas Albertson - Alternate	6/30/11

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/13
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/11
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Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/11
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Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/13
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Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/11
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/12
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Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/11
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Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/11
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Town Government Study Committee

Committee disbanded 9/7/2010

Andrew Todd Rome	Final Report
Elizabeth Wexford	Final Report
Betty Jean Jackson	Final Report
Fran Carmody Freeman	Final Report
Beth Cohen	Final Report

250th Anniversary Committee

MaryEllen O'Reilly-Bracey (<i>resigned 3/21/10</i>)	Final Report
Peg Louraine	Final Report
Leslie Squires	Final Report
Shirley Salvatore	Final Report
Andrea Filipkowski	Final Report
Donald Pipeczynski	Final Report
Linda Sterling	Final Report
William Barnett	Final Report
Paul Dansereau	Final Report
Cliff McCarthy	Final Report
Gloria Fortunato	Final Report
Kevin Brown	Final Report
Cindy Brown	Final Report
Mary-Alice Austin	Final Report
Thomas Stockton	Final Report
(<i>appt 9/7/10</i>)	
Linda Cunningham	Final Report
(<i>appt 12/20/10</i>)	

Name Office Term Expires

Trench Permitting Authority

Appointed 1/26/2009

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate
Trench Permitting Authority

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione 3/31/12

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood 3/31/12

Veterans' Services Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III 4/30/11

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

William McClure - Assoc. Mbr. 6/30/11
Janet Jourdain 6/30/11
Michael Mount 6/30/12
Keith Poulin 6/30/12
Gerry Desilets 6/30/12
George "Archie" Archible 6/30/12
William Bowen 6/30/13
Raymond Janke Period of employment
Vincent Viglione Period of employment

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard G. Barry 6/30/10
Raymond G. Goff 6/30/11
Gregory A. Galanek 6/30/12
David Lucey (appt 8/23/10) 6/30/13

Name Office Term Expires

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Dave Lucey *(see full mbr appt) 6/30/11
Robert Hislop 6/30/11
Bernadette Harrigan 6/30/11
Mark Hebert (appt 8/23/10) 6/30/11

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima 6/30/11

Board of Selectmen

For Belchertown, 2010 was a year of transition. It was a year in which the Town experienced financial hardship and saw some veteran town officials move along to other chapters in their lives. It was also a year in which new opportunities presented themselves to the Town.

In May, veteran Selectman Al Roccanti was not reelected to the Board. Mr. Roccanti's contributions to the Board of Selectmen as well as to the Town are unquestioned. His simple, straight-forward style and dogged, laser-focused questions usually cut to the heart of the matter and helped illuminate an issue for the Board as well as for the general public. Al earned the respect of all by working diligently for his constituents and never losing sight of his mission to improve the Town. I believe that I can speak for one and all in saying to Mr. Roccanti, "Mission Accomplished"!

Also in May, Selectman Mike Reardon opted to retire from the Board after 12 years of distinguished service. Mike's affable manner and penchant for tackling difficult issues was a hallmark of his tenure on the Board. Mike's steady hand, steadfastness and problem solving abilities helped guide the Town through 12 years of unprecedented growth, reduced state aid and several major capital projects. Although often teased about his affinity for an open microphone and a captive audience, the Town could always count on Mike stepping to the plate on difficult issues and explaining his perspective in a clear, logical manner. Mr. Reardon's experience and unwavering dedication to the Town will be sorely missed by the Board.

The already challenging fiscal year 2011 town budget was further complicated by a

4% reduction in state aid to the Town. The impact of this reduction was very significant. After several other budget reductions were presented and accepted, the Town still found it necessary to eliminate the Lieutenant position in the Police Department in order to balance its budget. This painful cut emphasized the depth of the economic downturn and the hardship that it has wrought on the Town, the State and the entire nation. However, in true Belchertown fashion, Chief Fox and the rest of the Police Department were able to mitigate the loss of the Lieutenant position by shouldering additional tasks and responsibilities while still maintaining a high level of service to the community.

As previously mentioned, 2010 was also a year of opportunities for Belchertown. With the loss of Selectmen Roccanti and Reardon came the additions of veteran town official Bill Barnett and political newcomer Archie Archible. As current Town Clerk and retired town Treasurer-Collector, Mr. Barnett brings decades of town experience to the Board and he has hit the ground running during his first year on the Board. While Mr. Archible does not possess the town government experience of Mr. Barnett, he has a wealth of managerial and business experience from which to draw upon. His fresh perspective and insight have already enhanced the Board.

2010 also saw the State recognize the Town as a Green Community. This designation was achieved by meeting the State's stringent criteria for energy awareness, management and conservation. The designation allows the Town to receive well over \$100,000 in grants that can be used for energy saving town projects. Furthermore, it allows the Town to consider participation in a state sponsored performance contract with an energy service company (ESCO) that could help the Town achieve significant

energy efficiency, conservation improvements and cost savings in municipal buildings.

Another significant event for the Town in 2010 was the acceptance of a federal SAFER grant that intends to provide additional funding to fire departments in order to help them increase the number of trained firefighters available in their communities. The Board utilized this four-year, declining balance grant to fund the long-discussed merger of the fire department and the EMS department. This financial incentive allowed the Town to hire four additional firefighter/EMTs to augment both of these critical yet resource starved departments with little upfront expense for the Town. I am convinced that the Town will reap the benefits of this project for many years to come.

While financial difficulties cast a dark cloud over the Town's fiscal situation throughout 2010, there is some light on the horizon. For the first time in a few years, housing starts increased in Town. While still a fraction of the housing starts in previous times, this upturn does portend a return to a more robust construction period and its inherent local economic stimulus. The outlook regarding the land at the former State School also took a turn for the better as the EDIC entered into a business relationship with an experienced, well-financed and well-regarded developer, Weston Solutions. Weston's preliminary analysis and market review indicate that the prospects for a significant development on this parcel are very encouraging. Weston believes that the Town's goals for a development that increases the Town's business tax base, augments the availability of good, local jobs while keeping in step with the Town's character are eminently achievable in the foreseeable future.

While 2010 was a challenging transitional year for Belchertown, the community banded together and addressed these challenges in a fair, equitable and collegial fashion that has served the Town so well during these turbulent times. If I harbored any doubts about Belchertown's magnificence, they were completely erased when, prior to leaving for college, my teen-aged daughter thanked her mother and me for raising her in a town like Belchertown. As any parent can attest, there can be no greater endorsement for a community than that. Rest assured Belchertown, the Town's future is bright and we will emerge from these challenges as a stronger, more vibrant community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Aponte, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Each year it is customary for every department head to prepare an Annual Town Report. After having served as Belchertown's Town Administrator in excess of 13 years, I have had the opportunity to witness some of this town's greatest accomplishments during the best of economic times, as well as the more challenging annual budget processes in recent years.

Not all that long ago the Town's development rate was brisk, new revenues were predictable, and state aid was a revenue source the Town's financial managers could count on. More recently, however, the local development rate is a fraction of five or more years ago, the Nation's economy is

struggling, and state aid is being reduced like never before. As a result, our ability to maintain core services has become our greatest challenge. Fortunately, the Town's financial managers and department heads have managed to limit spending, control costs wherever possible, and increase the Town's stabilization fund modestly as an added benefit. As Belchertown's Town Administrator, I personally feel the Town's economic health is well considering these circumstances and impressionable with my knowledge of the challenges our contiguous municipalities are also facing.

In spite of the economy and the challenges we have experienced, the Town's administration has not fallen victim nonetheless. In fact, Belchertown was designated one of the first official Green Communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2010. This designation followed a very extensive application and approval process utilizing the expertise of a number of employees and/or officials. Once designated a Green Community, Belchertown immediately became eligible for considerable grant funding to enhance our green energy initiatives. As of the end of the calendar year, Belchertown was approved for a \$148,000 Thermal Efficiency Grant, \$160,000 Green Community's grant, \$15,000 Technical Assistance Grant, and nearly \$30,000 in Photovoltaic Solar Panel Funding to install a solar system at the Belchertown Fire Headquarters. I am confident the revenue stream will continue and Belchertown will expand its participation in these green energy opportunities going forward.

In addition, the Town staff has invested countless hours investigating the feasibility and potential benefits of endorsing a contract with an energy services company. Earlier in the year, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) solicited proposals from qualified vendors who would be interested in partnering with Western Massachusetts communities for the purpose of reviewing energy saving upgrades to town infrastructure that if approved would be implemented and the bond obligations satisfied utilizing the guaranteed savings developing from the improvements. The PVPC eventually entered into agreement with Siemens International as the energy services contractor. Town personnel immediately began extensive review and evaluation of a potential energy savings project. We are optimistic our proposal will be complete and prepared for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 2011. If approved, the project will save significant energy-related budgetary funds, further complement by the utilization of the Green Community funds previously mentioned.

In an unrelated area, the Belchertown Fire Department was approved for participation in a Homeland Defense Grant providing funding for the costs associated with hiring four full-time Firefighter/EMTs. The growth of the community continues to test the limits of a very capable volunteer Fire Department. Our ability to appoint four full-time staffers who either are Paramedics or will be attaining the Paramedic certification not only enhances the Department's firefighting ability but also greatly enhances our

ability to mobilize a second ambulance when necessary. Over the last 12 months, the Town has had to rely on ambulances from contiguous area communities approximately 135 times. This is primarily a direct result of our frontline ambulance being on a call when a second request is received. Our dependency on mutual aid increases response time and lessens revenue respectively. It is for this reason having additional Firefighters and/or EMTs on staff will enhance the Fire and EMS services in a new combined department.

These accomplishments are a partial accounting of the great work our paid employees, elected and/or appointed

board and committee members and generous volunteers have accomplished. Without their ongoing assistance and sincere interest, Belchertown would not be the great community it is. I personally extend my sincere appreciation for all they do, and look forward to another great year in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham,
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Fiscal Year 11 projects an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from \$42,953,000 to \$43,381,000 for an increase of \$428,000 or 1%. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	<u>FY 11</u>	<u>FY 10</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Local Receipts	2,510,000	2,468,000	42,000	1.7%
Real Estate Tax Levy	21,057,000	20,470,000	587,000	2.9%
Recurring State Aid	17,331,000	17,049,000	281,000	1.6%
Special Fund Receipts	2,483,000	2,965,000	(482,000)	(16.3%)
	<u>43,381,000</u>	<u>42,952,000</u>	<u>428,000</u>	<u>1.0%</u>

The increase in the Real Estate Tax Levy is due to the combination of the yearly rate increase up to the maximum statutory rate of 2.5% and a nominal amount of new growth. The increase in the Recurring State Aid was primarily due to an increase in Chapter 70 school aid. The Town continued the practice of "borrowing" from stabilization to balance the budget pending the calculation of free cash in the fall. The budgeted free cash and utilization of stabilization funds decreased from \$772,000 in FY10 to \$226,000 in Fiscal Year 11, which is primarily responsible for the decrease in Special Fund Receipts.

The Fiscal Year 11 annual estimated receipts are being utilized to fund the town's operations as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY 11</u>	<u>FY 10</u>	<u>Increase /Decrease</u>	<u>% Change</u>
General Government	1,551,000	1,520,000	31,000	2%
Public Safety	2,870,000	2,880,000	(10,000)	(.3%)
Public Schools	25,597,000	25,019,000	578,000	2%
Highways	1,297,000	1,250,000	47,000	4%
Sanitation & Environment	1,924,000	1,939,000	(15,000)	(1%)
Human Services	701,000	681,000	20,000	3%
Culture and Recreation	698,000	687,000	11,000	2%
Buildings and Grounds	744,000	701,000	43,000	6%
Pension and Insurance	3,208,000	3,002,000	206,000	7%
Other Accounts	94,000	95,000	(1,000)	1%
Interest and Maturing Debt	3,548,000	3,634,000	(86,000)	(2%)
Council of Government	8,000	10,000	(2,000)	(20%)
Mandatory State Offsets	1,141,000	1,302,000	(161,000)	(12%)
Appropriation to Stabilization		220,000	(220,000)	(100%)
	<u>43,381,000</u>	<u>42,940,000</u>	<u>441,000</u>	<u>1%</u>

The Town is now entering yet another extremely difficult budget season. Although the economy is showing signs of recovering from the recession the Federal and State governments are dealing with significant budget deficits. The Finance Committee has begun meeting with department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies. The Finance Committee remains committed to keeping lay-offs to a minimum, maintaining essential services and maintaining an adequate Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Chairman
Finance Committee

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2010

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,921,887.72	2,542,676.21	100,666.84	305,720.92	75,183.96	2,531,923.55		9,478,059.20
Petty Cash Advance	35.00	2,696.00						2,731.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	395,212.03							395,212.03
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	214,184.72							214,184.72
16 Tax Liens	541,125.32			13,291.07				554,416.39
Special Assessments	38,960.42			4,663,056.48				4,702,016.90
Departmental	187,881.59			310,329.73				498,211.32
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(414,812.93)							(414,812.93)
Tax Foreclosures	273,717.89			3,176.04				276,893.93
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		3,508.56						3,508.56
Due From Other Governments	160,123.35	356,994.69	81,175.51					598,293.55
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00		150,000.00					150,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							36,638,834.01	36,638,834.01
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							<u>165,614.67</u>	<u>165,614.67</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,369,615.84</u>	<u>2,905,875.46</u>	<u>331,842.35</u>	<u>5,295,574.24</u>	<u>75,183.96</u>	<u>2,531,923.55</u>	<u>36,804,448.68</u>	<u>53,314,464.08</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2010

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	2,165,051.40	191,732.45	0.00	37,679.22	16,229.34	3,100.00		2,413,792.41
Employee Withholdings	294,722.21	3,750.00						298,472.21
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	(163,283.84)							(163,283.84)
Chapter 61	51,300.73							51,300.73
Excise Taxes	214,184.72							214,184.72
Tax Liens	541,125.32			13,291.07				554,416.39
Special Assessments	38,960.42			4,663,056.48				4,702,016.90
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	187,881.59			310,329.73				498,211.32
Tax Foreclosures	273,717.89			3,176.04				276,893.93
CPA Surcharge Receivable		2,479.29						598,293.55
Government Receivable	160,123.35	356,994.69	81,175.51					0.00
Grant Receivable								150,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00		150,000.00					77,003.21
Early Payment of 2011 Prop. Tax/CPA Sur.	75,973.94	1,029.27						24,743.74
Unclaimed Checks	24,743.74							41,233.61
Excess on Land of Low Value	41,233.61							36,638,834.01
Bond Indebtedness							36,638,834.01	165,614.67
Compensated Absences								
Total Liabilities	<u>3,905,735.08</u>	<u>555,985.70</u>	<u>231,175.51</u>	<u>5,027,532.54</u>	<u>16,229.34</u>	<u>3,100.00</u>	<u>36,804,448.68</u>	<u>46,544,206.85</u>
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	164,897.09			33.44				164,930.53
Reserve for Expenditures	144,646.00	228,937.20		190,561.00	4,317.00			568,461.20
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,154,337.67							1,154,337.67
Reserved Fund Balance		2,105,784.68	100,666.84	77,447.26	54,637.62	2,528,823.55		4,867,359.95
Title V Septic System Loan		<u>15,167.88</u>						<u>15,167.88</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,463,880.76</u>	<u>2,349,889.76</u>	<u>100,666.84</u>	<u>268,041.70</u>	<u>58,954.62</u>	<u>2,528,823.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,770,257.23</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>5,369,615.84</u>	<u>2,905,875.46</u>	<u>331,842.35</u>	<u>5,295,574.24</u>	<u>75,183.96</u>	<u>2,531,923.55</u>	<u>36,804,448.68</u>	<u>53,314,464.08</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

General Fund

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2010

ASSETS

Cash		3,921,887.72
Petty Cash Advance		35.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	395,212.03	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	214,184.72	
Tax Liens	541,125.32	
Special Assessments	38,960.42	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	187,881.59	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	160,123.35	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(414,812.93)</u>	
		1,173,975.23
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>273,717.89</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,369,615.84</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		2,165,051.40
Employee Withholdings		294,722.21
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(163,283.84)	
Chapter 61	51,300.73	
Excise Taxes	214,184.72	
Tax Liens	541,125.32	
Special Assessments	38,960.42	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	187,881.59	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	160,123.35	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>273,717.89</u>	
		1,304,010.18
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		41,233.61
Early Payment of 2011 Property Tax		75,973.94
Unclaimed Checks		<u>24,743.74</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,905,735.08</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Expenditures		144,646.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		164,897.09
Unreserved Fund Balance		<u>1,154,337.67</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>1,463,880.76</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>5,369,615.84</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2010

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Fund (Memo Only)	Totals
			Federal	State	School Lunch				
ASSETS									
Cash	748,278.94	(200,034.24)	193,324.34	166,205.04	17,309.72	102,973.05	1,286,135.64	228,483.72	2,542,676.21
Petty Cash Advance							2,696.00		2,696.00
Due From Commonwealth		227,902.69							227,902.69
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable									0.00
Surcharge Receivable	3,508.56								3,508.56
Due from Federal Government			129,092.00						129,092.00
Total Assets	751,787.50	27,868.45	322,416.34	166,205.04	17,309.72	102,973.05	1,288,831.64	228,483.72	2,905,875.46
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable	770.00	0.00	117,012.80	25,723.19	12,517.72	14,124.80	19,224.40	2,359.54	191,732.45
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		227,902.69					0.00		227,902.69
Employee Withholdings								3,750.00	3,750.00
Bond Anticipation Note									0.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	2,479.29								2,479.29
Early pmt of '11 CPA Surcharge	1,029.27								1,029.27
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable			129,092.00						129,092.00
Total Liabilities	4,278.56	227,902.69	246,104.80	25,723.19	12,517.72	14,124.80	19,224.40	6,109.54	555,985.70
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	518,571.74	(200,034.24)	76,311.54	140,481.85	4,792.00	88,848.25	1,254,439.36	222,374.18	2,105,784.68
Reserve for Open Space	78,275.60								78,275.60
Reserve for Historic Resources	25,362.30								25,362.30
Reserve for Community Housing	125,299.30								125,299.30
Title V Septic System Loan							15,167.88		15,167.88
Total Fund Equity	747,508.94	(200,034.24)	76,311.54	140,481.85	4,792.00	88,848.25	1,269,607.24	222,374.18	2,349,889.76
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	751,787.50	27,868.45	322,416.34	166,205.04	17,309.72	102,973.05	1,288,831.64	228,483.72	2,905,875.46

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2010

	Police Station Sr. Center	Sewer upgrades Jackson St. PVP/Tri-Lakes	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS			
Cash	10,520.66	90,146.18	100,666.84
WPAT Receivable		81,175.51	81,175.51
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00	0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.		<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>321,321.69</u>	<u>331,842.35</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble		81,175.51	81,175.51
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant		0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note		150,000.00	150,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payab		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>231,175.51</u>	<u>231,175.51</u>
Fund Equity:			
Reserved Fund Balance	10,520.66	90,146.18	100,666.84
Total Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>90,146.18</u>	<u>100,666.84</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>321,321.69</u>	<u>331,842.35</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2010

ASSETS

Cash		305,720.92
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	13,291.07	
Sewer User Fees	301,862.42	
Assessments	4,663,056.48	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>8,467.31</u>	
		<u>4,986,677.28</u>
Sewer Possessions		3,176.04
Total Assets		<u>5,295,574.24</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		37,679.22
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	13,291.07	
Sewer User Fees	301,862.42	
Assessments	4,663,056.48	
Tax Liens - Sewer	8,467.31	
Sewer possessions	<u>3,176.04</u>	
		<u>4,989,853.32</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>5,027,532.54</u>

Fund Equity:

Reserved for Expenditure	190,561.00	
Reserved for Encumbrance	33.44	
Retained Earnings	<u>77,447.26</u>	
Total Fund Equity		<u>268,041.70</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>5,295,574.24</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2010

ASSETS

Cash	<u>75,183.96</u>
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Total Assets	<u>75,183.96</u>
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LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>16,229.34</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>16,229.34</u>
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Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures	4,317.00
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Retained Earnings	<u>54,637.62</u>
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Total Fund Equity	<u>58,954.62</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>75,183.96</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2010

ASSETS													
High School	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rd. MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sewer MWPAT	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Evrett Fuller, Topping	Capital Projects 08	Sewer Tri-Lakes #1 MWPAT
2001													
19,380,000.00	120,000.00	900,000.00	2,930,000.00	4,298,800.00	290,000.00	345,000.00	730,000.00	0.00	450,000.00	295,000.00	915,000.00	1,420,063.00	2,975,797.01
													1,579,174.00
Am't to be Provided for Pmt of Debt													
19,380,000.00	120,000.00	900,000.00	2,930,000.00	4,298,800.00	290,000.00	345,000.00	730,000.00	0.00	450,000.00	295,000.00	915,000.00	1,420,063.00	2,975,797.01
Total Assets													
													9,617.32
													155,897.35
													165,614.67
LIABILITIES													
Bond Indebtedness													
19,380,000.00	120,000.00	900,000.00	2,930,000.00	4,298,800.00	290,000.00	345,000.00	730,000.00	0.00	450,000.00	295,000.00	915,000.00	1,420,063.00	2,975,797.01
													1,579,174.00
Compensated Absences													
													9,617.32
													155,897.35
													165,614.67
Total Liabilities													
19,380,000.00	120,000.00	900,000.00	2,930,000.00	4,298,800.00	290,000.00	345,000.00	730,000.00	0.00	450,000.00	295,000.00	915,000.00	1,420,063.00	2,975,797.01
													1,579,174.00
Totals (Memo Only)													
													9,617.32
													155,897.35
													165,614.67

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS		ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Expendable Trusts	
Revenue:						
Taxes	20,270,172.03					20,270,172.03
State Receipts	16,744,227.00					16,744,227.00
Excise Taxes	1,391,283.90					1,391,283.90
Tax Liens	177,864.29					177,864.29
Lieu Taxes	297,220.42					297,220.42
Licenses & Permits	140,799.73					140,799.73
Special Assessments	14,322.69					14,322.69
Interest	207,866.80	-2,863.94		5,246.85	100,936.18	311,185.89
Fines & Forfeits	44,322.60					44,322.60
Departmental Revenue	309,625.24	2,525,708.67		1,345,906.85	272,030.62	4,453,271.38
Fees	69,800.15					69,800.15
Rentals	72,017.35					72,017.35
Umass Transit	33,695.00					33,695.00
Other Miscellaneous	74,368.35	290,728.06			5,541.88	370,638.29
Grants		3,024,008.90				3,024,008.90
Performance Guarantees		4,650.00				4,650.00
Gifts		148,970.37				148,970.37
Temporary Loans			150,000.00			150,000.00
MWPAT			261,508.74			261,508.74
Bond Proceeds						0.00
Total Revenues	39,847,585.55	5,991,202.06	411,508.74	1,351,153.70	106,478.06	47,979,958.73
Expenditures:						
General Government	1,497,710.13	277,829.23				1,775,539.36
Protection of Persons & Property	2,870,477.54	290,040.79				3,160,518.33
Education	24,862,769.61	3,430,057.98			6,000.00	28,298,827.59
Public Works	1,940,049.12	612,312.06			3,940.55	3,500,113.45
Human Services	691,371.28	279,840.90		648,140.29	25,891.73	997,103.91
Culture & Recreation	678,346.60	307,976.87				986,323.47

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill		
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	2,961,467.44						2,961,467.44
Debt & Interest	3,629,393.78			845,782.09			4,475,175.87
State Assessments	651,898.00						651,898.00
Prior Year Expenditures	126,101.95						126,101.95
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			206,586.20				206,586.20
Equipment							0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds							0.00
Temporary Loan			185,000.00				185,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>39,909,585.45</u>	<u>5,198,057.83</u>	<u>391,586.20</u>	<u>1,493,922.38</u>	<u>295,671.43</u>	<u>35,832.28</u>	<u>47,324,655.57</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(61,999.90)	793,144.23	19,922.54	(142,768.68)	(23,640.81)	70,645.78	655,303.16
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	662,115.09	0.00	35,000.00	188,008.00	0.00	220,000.00	1,105,123.09
Operating Transfers Out	<u>408,008.00</u>	<u>442,501.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>219,614.00</u>	<u>1,105,123.09</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>254,107.09</u>	<u>(442,501.09)</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>153,008.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>386.00</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	192,107.19	350,643.14	54,922.54	10,239.32	(23,640.81)	71,031.78	655,303.16
Audit Adjustment	(4,293.70)	4,293.70					0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-09	<u>1,276,067.27</u>	<u>1,996,006.92</u>	<u>45,744.30</u>	<u>257,802.38</u>	<u>82,595.43</u>	<u>1,695,510.34</u>	<u>5,353,726.64</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-10	<u>1,463,880.76</u>	<u>2,350,943.76</u>	<u>100,666.84</u>	<u>268,041.70</u>	<u>58,954.62</u>	<u>1,766,542.12</u>	<u>6,009,029.80</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	20,315,941.45	20,270,172.03	(45,769.42)
State Receipts	16,815,833.00	16,744,227.00	(71,606.00)
Excise Taxes	1,434,500.00	1,391,283.90	(43,216.10)
Tax Liens	0.00	177,864.29	177,864.29
Lieu Taxes	196,000.00	297,220.42	101,220.42
Licenses & Permits	132,600.00	140,799.73	8,199.73
Special Assessments	9,750.00	14,322.69	4,572.69
Interest	237,700.00	207,866.80	(29,833.20)
Fines & Forfeits	49,900.00	44,322.60	(5,577.40)
Departmental Revenue	243,000.00	309,625.24	66,625.24
Fees	70,000.00	69,800.15	(199.85)
Rentals	63,000.00	72,017.35	9,017.35
Umass Transit	32,000.00	33,695.00	1,695.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	74,368.35	74,368.35
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	39,600,224.45	39,847,585.55	247,361.10
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,568,768.20	1,497,710.13	71,058.07
Protection of Persons & Property	2,952,232.15	2,870,477.54	81,754.61
Education	25,019,287.00	24,862,769.61	156,517.39
Public Works	1,987,150.00	1,940,049.12	47,100.88
Human Services	746,617.00	691,371.28	55,245.72
Culture & Recreation	687,752.00	678,346.60	9,405.40
Insurance & Unclassified	3,027,016.85	2,961,467.44	65,549.41
Debt & Interest	3,633,896.00	3,629,393.78	4,502.22
State Assessments	778,652.00	651,898.00	126,754.00
Prior Year Expenditures	126,483.10	126,101.95	381.15
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	40,527,854.30	39,909,585.45	618,268.85
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(61,999.90)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	662,114.00	662,115.09	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>408,008.00</u>	<u>408,008.00</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>254,106.00</u>	<u>254,107.09</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		192,107.19	
Audit Adjustments		(4,293.70)	
Fund Balance 7/1/09		<u>1,276,067.27</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/10		<u>1,463,880.76</u>	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY11
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Moderator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Selectmen	\$17,116.00	\$15,910.22	\$1,205.78	
Town Administrator	\$192,841.00	\$192,358.81	\$482.19	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,385.01	\$114.99	
Finance Committee	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	
Reserve Fund	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00 *	
Town Accountant	\$178,880.00	\$177,903.71	\$976.29	
MIS Director	\$218,344.00	\$210,536.62	\$7,807.38	\$2,366.92
Assessors	\$264,546.00	\$263,224.73	\$1,321.27	
Treasurer/Collector	\$265,935.00	\$256,247.89	\$9,687.11	
Law Account	\$99,300.00	\$97,621.51	\$1,678.49	
Town Clerk	\$109,747.00	\$107,980.10	\$1,766.90	\$325.00
Election & Registration	\$27,092.00	\$18,677.72	\$8,414.28	
Conservation Commission	\$62,838.00	\$59,007.23	\$3,830.77	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$1,945.20	\$1,945.20	\$0.00	
Planning Board	\$92,389.00	\$91,092.26	\$1,296.74	\$118.70
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,695.00	\$857.56	\$1,837.44	
EDIC	\$300.00	\$184.56	\$115.44	
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$118.00	\$382.00	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$3,350.00</u>	<u>\$2,459.00</u>	<u>\$891.00</u>	
	\$1,568,768.20	\$1,497,710.13	\$71,058.07	\$2,810.62

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Department	\$1,761,453.00	\$1,714,745.26	\$46,707.74	\$8.00
Fire Department	\$324,642.00	\$324,369.31	\$272.69	\$2.49
Hydrant Service	\$24,115.00	\$24,114.40	\$0.60	
EMS	\$640,069.15	\$628,136.35	\$11,932.80	\$2.20
Injured on Duty	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$12,841.00	\$12,841.00	\$0.00	
Inspection Services	\$128,528.00	\$114,285.02	\$14,242.98	
Civil Defense	\$1,520.00	\$1,419.86	\$100.14	
Dog Officer	<u>\$51,064.00</u>	<u>\$50,566.34</u>	<u>\$497.66</u>	
	\$2,952,232.15	\$2,870,477.54	\$81,754.61	\$12.69

EDUCATION

Town Schools	\$24,256,291.00	\$24,099,773.61	\$156,517.39	\$156,417.39
Regional School	<u>\$762,996.00</u>	<u>\$762,996.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$25,019,287.00	\$24,862,769.61	\$156,517.39	\$156,417.39

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY11
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Personal Services	\$626,092.00	\$609,978.31	\$16,113.69	
Professional Engineering	\$17,000.00	\$11,425.00	\$5,575.00	
Administration	\$10,200.00	\$9,228.57	\$971.43	
Snow & Ice Control	\$199,000.00	\$199,000.00	\$0.00	
Street Lighting	\$37,700.00	\$30,338.13	\$7,361.87	
Road Machinery	\$121,450.00	\$121,211.67	\$238.33	\$29.00
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$87,500.00	\$86,133.00	\$1,367.00	
Town Garage	\$30,050.00	\$29,779.07	\$270.93	
Hired Services	\$103,500.00	\$97,564.44	\$5,935.56	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$399,553.00	\$392,440.85	\$7,112.15	\$2,609.96
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$51,800.00	\$51,759.06	\$40.94	\$17.43
Finnerty House	\$8,350.00	\$8,349.68	\$0.32	
EMS Building	\$22,350.00	\$22,323.36	\$26.64	
Police Station	\$58,950.00	\$58,947.88	\$2.12	
Senior Center Building	\$54,920.00	\$54,864.60	\$55.40	
Recreation Building	\$28,550.00	\$28,541.33	\$8.67	
Freedom Center	\$26,950.00	\$26,846.91	\$103.09	
Franklin School Building	\$1,000.00	\$942.65	\$57.35	
Fire Station	\$35,950.00	\$35,870.26	\$79.74	
Everett Ave Property	\$3,000.00	\$2,480.00	\$520.00	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	\$15,050.00	\$14,916.11	\$133.89	
Old Town Hall	\$8,600.00	\$8,589.95	\$10.05	
Town Common	\$3,750.00	\$2,963.68	\$786.32	
Town Clock	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Cemetery Department	<u>\$35,285.00</u>	<u>\$34,954.61</u>	<u>\$330.39</u>	
	\$1,987,150.00	\$1,940,049.12	\$47,100.88	\$2,656.39
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Board of Health	\$17,332.00	\$11,822.45	\$5,509.55	
Quabbin Health District	\$121,483.00	\$121,483.00	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$365,312.00	\$334,980.63	\$30,331.37	\$3,000.00
Veterans' Services	<u>\$242,490.00</u>	<u>\$223,085.20</u>	<u>\$19,404.80</u>	
	\$746,617.00	\$691,371.28	\$55,245.72	\$3,000.00
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
Clapp Memorial Library	\$378,009.00	\$376,612.79	\$1,396.21	
Recreation Department	\$238,163.00	\$237,786.22	\$376.78	
Recreation - Pool	\$33,932.00	\$30,234.77	\$3,697.23	
Teen Center Operating	\$32,400.00	\$29,252.02	\$3,147.98	
Town Beach	\$1,100.00	\$1,098.07	\$1.93	
Family Center	\$3,000.00	\$2,996.77	\$3.23	
Historical Commission	\$500.00	\$17.96	\$482.04	
Historic District	\$348.00	\$348.00	\$0.00	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$687,752.00	\$678,346.60	\$9,405.40	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY11
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Unclassified	\$52,364.77	\$43,368.56	\$8,996.21	
Council of Governments	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
Pensions	\$1,626,138.00	\$1,626,138.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	
Unemployment	\$36,000.00	\$24,271.09	\$11,728.91	
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$949,500.00	\$925,289.04	\$24,210.96	
Group Life-Town Share	\$4,400.00	\$3,239.58	\$1,160.42	
Medicare-Town Share	\$82,000.00	\$76,257.51	\$5,742.49	
General Insurance	\$260,376.00	\$252,165.58	\$8,210.42	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	<u>\$738.08</u>	<u>\$738.08</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$3,027,016.85	\$2,961,467.44	\$65,549.41	\$0.00
<u>DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
Maturing Debt	\$2,400,000.00	\$2,400,000.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$1,233,896.00</u>	<u>\$1,229,393.78</u>	<u>\$4,502.22</u>	
	\$3,633,896.00	\$3,629,393.78	\$4,502.22	\$0.00
<u>ENCUMBERED FUNDS</u>				
General Government	\$8,642.10	\$8,642.10	\$0.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$39.89	\$39.89	\$0.00	
School Department	\$116,329.70	\$116,329.70	\$0.00	
Public Works	\$10.26	\$10.26	\$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	<u>\$1,461.15</u>	<u>\$1,080.00</u>	<u>\$381.15</u>	
	\$126,483.10	\$126,101.95	\$381.15	\$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY11
SUMMARY				
General Government	\$1,568,768.20	\$1,497,710.13	\$71,058.07	\$2,810.62
Protection of Persons/Property	\$2,952,232.15	\$2,870,477.54	\$81,754.61	\$12.69
Education	\$25,019,287.00	\$24,862,769.61	\$156,517.39	\$156,417.39
Public Works	\$1,987,150.00	\$1,940,049.12	\$47,100.88	\$2,656.39
Human Services	\$746,617.00	\$691,371.28	\$55,245.72	\$3,000.00
Culture & Recreation	\$687,752.00	\$678,346.60	\$9,405.40	\$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$3,027,016.85	\$2,961,467.44	\$65,549.41	\$0.00
Debt & Interest	<u>\$3,633,896.00</u>	<u>\$3,629,393.78</u>	<u>\$4,502.22</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$39,622,719.20	\$39,131,585.50	\$491,133.70	\$164,897.09
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$126,483.10</u>	<u>\$126,101.95</u>	<u>\$381.15</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$39,749,202.30</u>	<u>\$39,257,687.45</u>	<u>\$491,514.85</u>	<u>\$164,897.09</u>

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

General Government	\$1,568,768.20	\$1,497,710.13	\$71,058.07	\$2,810.62
Protection of Persons & Prop	\$2,952,232.15	\$2,870,477.54	\$81,754.61	\$12.69
School Department	\$25,019,287.00	\$24,862,769.61	\$156,517.39	\$156,417.39
Public Works	\$1,987,150.00	\$1,940,049.12	\$47,100.88	\$2,656.39
Human Services	\$746,617.00	\$691,371.28	\$55,245.72	\$3,000.00
Culture & Recreation	\$687,752.00	\$678,346.60	\$9,405.40	\$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$3,027,016.85	\$2,961,467.44	\$65,549.41	\$0.00
Debt & Interest	\$3,633,896.00	\$3,629,393.78	\$4,502.22	\$0.00
	\$39,622,719.20	\$39,131,585.50	\$491,133.70	\$164,897.09
Encumbered Funds	\$126,483.10	\$126,101.95	\$381.15	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$39,749,202.30	\$39,257,687.45	\$491,514.85	\$164,897.09
DETAILED INFORMATION				
State Memorial Library	\$178,000.00	\$178,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recreation Department	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recreation - Pool	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Center Operating	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Garage	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Family Center	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Hall Government	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Historic District	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Belchertown Savings	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$1,568,768.20	\$1,497,710.13	\$71,058.07	\$2,810.62

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Special Revenue Fund

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State						
Revenues:										
Grants	63,189.00	665,519.87	1,547,460.63	316,448.04	219,292.36		133,584.41	212,099.00		3,024,008.90
Collections & Fees	184,811.76		35,433.36	27,857.00	650,070.01			1,228,206.42	265,745.71	2,525,708.67
Interest	-5,557.11			246.20	424.00			256.19	1,766.78	-2,863.94
Performance Guarantees									4,650.00	4,650.00
Gifts	250.00		4,252.31	600.00			6,940.37	136,927.69		148,970.37
Temporary Loans										0.00
Other						2447.85		5,635.00	282,645.21	290,728.06
Total Revenues	242,693.65	665,519.87	1,587,146.30	345,151.24	872,234.22		140,524.78	1,583,124.30	554,807.70	5,991,202.06
Expenditures:										
General Government	113,523.59			97,047.20				26,781.09	40,477.35	277,829.23
Protection of Persons & Property			12,382.00	61,196.17				18,553.45	197,909.17	290,040.79
Education			1,370,911.79	201,067.02	883,571.93		150,259.33	479,993.69	344,254.22	3,430,057.98
Department of Public Works		518,709.56		0.00				83,977.50	9,625.00	612,312.06
Human Services			154,074.84	50,041.66				75,624.16	100.24	279,840.90
Culture & Recreation			10.57	23,824.97				282,641.33	1,500.00	307,976.87
Debt & Interest										0.00
Total Expenditures	113,523.59	518,709.56	1,537,379.20	433,177.02	883,571.93		150,259.33	967,571.22	593,865.98	5,198,057.83
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	129,170.06	146,810.31	49,767.10	(88,025.78)	(11,337.71)		(9,734.55)	615,553.08	(39,058.28)	793,144.23
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										0.00
Operating Transfers In						0.13		442,500.96		442,501.09
Operating Transfers Out										
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.13)	0.00		0.00	(442,500.96)	0.00	(442,501.09)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State						
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	129,170.06	146,810.31	49,767.10	(88,025.91)	(11,337.71)		(9,734.55)	173,052.12	(39,058.28)	350,643.14
Audit Adjustments							4,293.70			4,293.70
Balance 7-1-09	618,338.88	(346,844.55)	26,544.44	228,507.76	16,129.71		98,582.80	1,089,565.42	265,182.46	1,996,006.92
Balance 6-30-10	747,508.94	(200,034.24)	76,311.54	140,481.85	4,792.00		88,848.25	1,266,911.24	226,124.18	2,350,943.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:			
MWPAT		261,508.74	\$261,508.74
USDA Grant			\$0.00
USDA Loan			\$0.00
Temporary Loans		150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Bond Proceeds			<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	411,508.74	\$411,508.74
Expenditures:			
Construction		\$206,586.20	\$206,586.20
Equipment			\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds			\$0.00
Temporary Loans		<u>\$185,000.00</u>	<u>\$185,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$391,586.20</u>	<u>\$391,586.20</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	\$19,922.54	\$19,922.54
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Operation Transfers Out			<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	\$0.00	\$54,922.54	\$54,922.54
Fund Balance 7-1-09	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$35,223.64</u>	<u>\$45,744.30</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-10	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$90,146.18</u>	<u>\$100,666.84</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,122,186.00	1,048,570.84	(73,615.16)
Sewer Assessments	210,500.00	280,155.01	69,655.01
Sewer Connections	8,750.00	17,131.00	8,381.00
Interest	0.00	5,246.85	5,246.85
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,341,436.00	1,351,153.70	9,717.70
Expenditures:			
Environmental	715,895.00	648,140.29	67,754.71
Debt & Interest	880,790.00	845,782.09	35,007.91
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	1,596,685.00	1,493,922.38	102,762.62
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(142,768.68)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	188,008.00	188,008.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(35,000.00)</u>	35,000.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>188,008.00</u>	<u>153,008.00</u>	<u>(35,000.00)</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		10,239.32	
Fund Balance 7/1/09		<u>257,802.38</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/10		<u>268,041.70</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2010

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	286,006.00	266,378.00	(19,628.00)
Sale of Recycling	3,000.00	<u>5,652.62</u>	<u>2,652.62</u>
Total Revenue	289,006.00	272,030.62	(16,975.38)
Expenditures:			
Environmental	342,284.00	295,671.43	46,612.57
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	342,284.00	295,671.43	46,612.57
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(23,640.81)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>(23,640.81)</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/09		<u>82,595.43</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/10		<u>58,954.62</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Balance 7/1/2009	Additions	Balance 6/30/2010
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	512,860.69 10,000.00		512,860.69 10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music Calvin Bridgman High School	2,000.00 6,000.00		2,000.00 6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions Retirement Trust	10,000.00 72,933.60		10,000.00 72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care Susan M. D. Bridgman Nellie E. Brown Willard Stebbins Vianna E. Somes	136,237.14 200.00 1,000.00 1,500.00 <u>300.00</u>	3,150.00	139,387.14 200.00 1,000.00 1,500.00 <u>300.00</u>
	<u>759,131.43</u>	<u>3,150.00</u>	<u>762,281.43</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2010

	Balance 7/1/2009	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2010
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$188,180.05 \$47,440.09		\$33,382.48 \$2,502.96	\$12,575.84			\$208,986.69 \$49,943.05	\$208,986.69 \$49,943.05
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	\$4,794.14		\$295.04				\$5,089.18	\$5,089.18
Calvin Bridgman High School	\$14,156.29		\$879.43				\$15,035.72	\$15,035.72
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$100,915.70		\$4,271.28	\$5,000.00			\$100,186.98	\$100,186.98
Pazasis Scholarship	\$0.00	\$3,771.00	\$158.33	\$1,000.00			\$2,929.33	\$2,929.33
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$1,720.88		\$250.17				\$1,971.05	\$1,971.05
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$3,529.48		\$245.98				\$3,775.46	\$3,775.46
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$72,142.40	\$1,037.00	\$2,738.60	\$13,315.89			\$62,602.11	\$62,602.11
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	\$21,934.75		\$10,674.40	\$3,100.00			\$29,509.15	\$29,509.15
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$1,347.15		\$66.75				\$1,413.90	\$1,413.90
Nellie E. Brown	\$2,693.30		\$157.74	\$106.67			\$2,744.37	\$2,744.37
Willard Stebbins	\$2,120.01		\$157.83				\$2,277.84	\$2,277.84
Vianna E. Somes	\$2,472.98		\$118.69				\$2,591.67	\$2,591.67
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$0.00	\$733.88	\$0.00	\$733.88			\$0.00	\$0.00
Penson Fund	\$19,422.64		\$129.11				\$19,551.75	\$19,551.75
Retirement Trust	\$13,108.82		(\$4,925.31)				\$8,183.51	\$8,183.51
Conservation Fund			\$37.58				\$850.60	\$850.60
Stabilization Fund	\$1,086,638.67	\$220,000.00	\$42,460.79		(\$219,614.00)		\$1,129,485.46	\$1,129,485.46
Workers' Compensation Fund	<u>\$112,079.97</u>		<u>\$7,334.33</u>				<u>\$119,414.30</u>	<u>\$119,414.30</u>
	<u>\$1,695,510.34</u>	<u>\$225,541.88</u>	<u>\$100,936.18</u>	<u>\$35,832.28</u>	<u>(\$219,614.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,766,542.12</u>	<u>\$1,766,542.12</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2010

	Principal	Interest	Total
2011	3,332,511.96	1,637,768.58	4,970,280.54
2012	3,368,521.66	1,477,803.82	4,846,325.48
2013	3,171,680.60	1,591,237.55	4,762,918.15
2014	3,463,806.55	1,218,795.82	4,682,602.37
2015	3,495,852.40	1,052,132.53	4,547,984.93
2016	2,867,425.80	884,127.77	3,751,553.57
2017	2,889,396.88	751,851.76	3,641,248.64
2018	2,921,532.08	596,315.46	3,517,847.54
2019	2,936,866.85	464,487.57	3,401,354.42
2020	2,346,365.74	340,988.66	2,687,354.40
2021	2,122,966.07	235,159.07	2,358,125.14
2022	2,129,532.40	136,788.38	2,266,320.78
2023	506,200.17	36,884.37	543,084.54
2024	512,902.59	14,536.92	527,439.51
2025	133,231.17	10,732.87	143,964.04
2026	123,074.37	7,104.81	130,179.18
2027	119,955.04	3,949.51	123,904.55
2028	96,873.17	968.73	97,841.90
	<u>36,538,695.50</u>	<u>10,461,634.18</u>	<u>47,000,329.68</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2010

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2009	Reduced FY2010	Outstanding 6/30/2010	Due In FY2011
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	4.01	150,000.00	30,000.00	120,000.00	30,000.00
		*reissued in '08				
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	3.99	3,440,000.00	510,000.00	2,930,000.00	530,000.00
		*reissued in '08				
High School	2002	4.50	21,010,000.00	1,620,000.00	19,390,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	500,000.00	50,000.00	450,000.00	50,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	645,000.00	65,000.00	580,000.00	65,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	4,737,700.00	438,900.00	4,298,800.00	452,100.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	314,545.00	24,545.00	290,000.00	25,000.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	374,289.00	29,289.00	345,000.00	30,000.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	791,975.00	61,975.00	730,000.00	65,000.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,499,706.00	79,643.00	1,420,063.00	81,292.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	3,142,511.72	166,714.71	2,975,797.01	170,169.27
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	320,000.00	30,000.00	290,000.00	30,000.00
Jackson Street Sewer	2008	2.00	1,651,335.00	72,161.00	1,579,174.00	68,950.69
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	46,412.33	46,412.33	0.00	0.00
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00
Lnd-Everett/Fuller/Topping	2008		325,000.00	30,000.00	295,000.00	30,000.00
Equipment: Capital '08	2008		<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>85,000.00</u>	<u>915,000.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>
			<u>39,988,474.05</u>	<u>3,349,640.04</u>	<u>36,638,834.01</u>	<u>3,332,511.96</u>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2009	\$ 8,510,739.99	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$ 54,387,029.03		
RECEIPTS	\$ 55,334,348.24	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2010	\$ 9,478,059.20		
	\$ 63,845,088.23		\$ 63,845,088.23		
INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING	TRUST FUNDS, AND	SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 53,104.28		
TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE 6/30/2009	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2010
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	\$ 20,156.29	\$	\$ 879.43	\$	\$ 21,035.72
GEORGE LONGLEY	\$ 6,784.14	\$	\$ 285.04	\$	\$ 7,069.18
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 881.32	\$ 288.69	\$ 48.82	\$	\$ 1,219.83
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 100,915.70	\$	\$ 4,271.28	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ 100,186.98
RICHARD PAZASSIS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,778.73	\$ 176.44	\$ 150.60	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 3,105.77
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 1,547.15	\$	\$ 66.75	\$	\$ 1,613.90
WILLARD STEBBINS	\$ 3,620.01	\$	\$ 157.83	\$	\$ 3,777.84
VIANNA SOMES	\$ 2,772.98	\$	\$ 118.69	\$	\$ 2,891.67
NELLIE BROWN	\$ 3,693.30	\$	\$ 157.74	\$ (106.67)	\$ 3,744.37
PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 159,098.95	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 10,674.40	\$ (927.06)	\$ 171,998.29
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 701,040.74	\$ 159.00	\$ 33,382.48	\$ (12,734.84)	\$ 721,847.38
WHITING STREET	\$ 57,440.09	\$	\$ 2,502.96	\$	\$ 59,943.05
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	\$ 5,629.48	\$	\$ 245.98	\$	\$ 5,875.46
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	\$ 5,720.88	\$	\$ 250.17	\$	\$ 5,971.05
CONSERVATION	\$ 813.02	\$	\$ 37.58	\$	\$ 850.60
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 72,142.40	\$ 1,037.00	\$ 2,738.60	\$ (13,315.89)	\$ 62,602.11
PENSION RESERVE	\$ 28,422.64	\$	\$ 129.11	\$	\$ 29,551.75
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 1,086,638.67	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 42,460.79	\$ (219,614.00)	\$ 1,129,485.46
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	\$ 112,079.97	\$	\$ 7,334.33	\$	\$ 119,414.30
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	\$ 2,918.54	\$	\$ 62.16	\$ (907.32)	\$ 1,166.06
CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$ 7,200.80	\$ 4,670.00	\$ 246.20	\$ (5,632.00)	\$ 6,285.00
TOTALS	\$ 2,384,305.80	\$ 229,482.13	\$ 106,210.94	\$ (259,437.78)	\$ 2,459,653.77

FUNDS BORROWED DURING JULY 1, 2009- JUNE 30, 2010

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATE	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#978 SEWER CONSTR- JACKSON/HOWARD ST	BANK WESTERN MASS	5/28/2010	150,000.00	5/27/2011	1.20%
LOAN- SEWER CONSTR-HOWARD ST	MASS WATER POLL ABTMENT TR	12/15/2009	18,983.00	7/15/2027	2.00%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER, TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
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PRIOR YEARS REAL ESTATE				2008 SEWER LIENS			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	36,667.37	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	4.93
TO TAX TITLE	\$	11,253.15		COLLECTED	\$	4.93	
COLLECTED	\$	12,466.48		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	12,947.74			\$	4.93	\$ 4.93
	\$	36,667.37	\$ 36,667.37				
FISCAL 2009 REAL ESTATE				2009 SEWER LIENS			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	409,405.50	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	9,154.84
REFUND		\$	1,169.85	COLLECTED	\$	9,018.38	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	40,677.26		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	136.46	
COLLECTED	\$	343,208.75			\$	9,154.84	\$ 9,154.84
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	26,689.34					
	\$	410,575.35	\$ 410,575.35				
FISCAL 2010 REAL ESTATE				2010 SEWER LIENS			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	9,745,662.77	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	63,569.73
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	10,296,749.46	TO TAX TITLE	\$	741.83	
REFUND		\$	54,059.94	COLLECTED	\$	49,673.29	
ABATED	\$	86,307.99		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	13,154.61	
TO TAX TITLE	\$	79,259.12			\$	63,569.73	\$ 63,569.73
COLLECTED	\$	19,598,038.04					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	332,867.02					
	\$	20,096,472.17	\$ 20,096,472.17				
FISCAL 2011 REAL ESTATE				2009 SEWER CHARGES			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	10,084,228.27	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	212,517.08
COLLECTED	\$	75,959.04		REFUND		\$	1,412.21
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	10,008,269.23		TO LIEN ON TAX	\$	57,702.02	
	\$	10,084,228.27	\$ 10,084,228.27	COLLECTED	\$	156,227.27	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	-	
					\$	213,929.29	\$ 213,929.29
REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2009				2010 SEWER CHARGES			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	2,430.92	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,136,445.24
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	2,403.31	REFUND		\$	174.75
COLLECTED	\$	4,834.23		COLLECTED	\$	834,757.57	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	-		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	301,862.42	
	\$	4,834.23	\$ 4,834.23		\$	1,136,619.99	\$ 1,136,619.99
REAL ESTATE NEW CON 2010				CPA 2008			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	16,512.16	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	21.02
COLLECTED	\$	14,605.68		TO TAX TITLE	\$	16.07	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	1,906.48		COLLECTED	\$	4.95	
	\$	16,512.16	\$ 16,512.16	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	-	
					\$	21.02	\$ 21.02
FARM ANIMAL EXC PRIOR YEARS				CPA 2009			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	2,515.08	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	2,900.09
COLLECTED	\$	766.70		REFUND		\$	35.48
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	1,748.38		TO TAX TITLE	\$	312.82	
	\$	2,515.08	\$ 2,515.08	COLLECTED	\$	2,621.16	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	1.59	
					\$	2,935.57	\$ 2,935.57
FARM ANIMAL EXC 2009				CPA 2010			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,514.56	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	91,418.42
COLLECTED	\$	1,224.51		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	92,338.47
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	290.05		REFUND		\$	1,859.41
	\$	1,514.56	\$ 1,514.56	TO TAX TITLE	\$	477.25	
				ABATED	\$	1,446.31	
				COLLECTED	\$	181,589.55	
				OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	2,103.19	
					\$	185,616.30	\$ 185,616.30

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CPA 2011				FISCAL 2008 PERS PROP					
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	92,901.30	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	759.62		
COLLECTED	\$	1,029.27		COLLECTED	\$	437.01			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	91,872.03		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	322.61			
	\$	92,901.30	\$	92,901.30	\$	759.62	\$	759.62	
PRIOR YEARS MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				FISCAL 2009 PERS PROP					
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009			\$	30,622.44	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	12,394.13	
REFUND			\$	112.40	COLLECTED	\$	789.06		
ABATED	\$	13,667.59			OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	11,605.07		
COLLECTED	\$	3,492.32				\$	12,394.13	\$	12,394.13
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	13,574.93			FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP				
	\$	30,734.84	\$	30,734.84	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	180,909.10	
2007 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	193,238.74		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	12,301.25	REFUNDED		\$	2,939.67		
REFUNDED		\$	801.14	ABATED	\$	1,753.48			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	80.00	COLLECTED	\$	365,392.49			
ABATED	\$	866.56		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	9,941.54			
COLLECTED	\$	3,978.02			\$	377,087.51	\$	377,087.51	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	8,337.81		FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP					
	\$	13,182.39	\$	13,182.39	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	185,250.60	
2008 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				COLLECTED	\$	14.90			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	28,708.99	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	185,235.70			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	999.49		\$	185,250.60	\$	185,250.60	
REFUNDED		\$	1,318.14	2009 DAIGLE WELL BETT					
ABATED	\$	1,582.39		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	331.68		
COLLECTED	\$	17,723.53		COLLECTED	\$	-			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	11,720.70		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	331.68	\$	331.68	
	\$	31,026.62	\$	31,026.62	2010 DAIGLE WELL BETT				
2009 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	8,913.56		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	95,970.12	COLLECTED	\$	8,741.01			
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	189,905.94	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	172.55			
REFUNDED		\$	12,075.14		\$	8,913.56	\$	8,913.56	
ABATED	\$	20,010.25		2010 TITLE V					
COLLECTED	\$	253,790.10		COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	750.00		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	24,150.85		COLLECTED	\$	-			
	\$	297,951.20	\$	297,951.20	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	750.00	\$	750.00
2010 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				2009 TRILAKES BETT					
COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,323,352.65	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	8,486.09		
REFUND		\$	9,664.82	COLLECTED	\$	8,486.09	\$	8,486.09	
ABATED	\$	45,780.46		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	-			
COLLECTED	\$	1,132,875.01			\$	8,486.09	\$	8,486.09	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	154,362.00		2010 TRILAKES BETT					
	\$	1,333,017.47	\$	1,333,017.47	COMM FOR COLLECTION		\$	203,000.39	
PRIOR YEARS PERS. PROP				TO TAX TITLE	\$	1,413.62			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	2,995.57	COLLECTED	\$	196,477.54			
ABATED	\$	2,077.87		OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	5,109.23			
COLLECTED	\$	118.46			\$	203,000.39	\$	203,000.39	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	799.24		42					
	\$	2,995.57	\$	2,995.57					
FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP									
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	298.11						
ABATED	\$	258.64							
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	39.47							
	\$	298.11	\$	298.11					

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TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT				MISCELLANEOUS REC.			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	2,834,037.97	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2009		\$	51,300.73
APPORTIONED FY10 RE	\$188,978.75			COMMITTED		\$	28,218.20
ABATED	\$9,862.50			COLLECTED	\$	28,218.20	
COLLECTED	\$74,955.00			OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$	51,300.73	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2010	\$2,560,241.72				\$79,518.93	\$	79,518.93
	\$2,834,037.97	\$	2,834,037.97				

COMSTAR			
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2009		\$	181,530.69
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		\$	684,471.22
REFUNDED		\$	732.03
ABATED	\$	275,779.75	
COLLECTED	\$	404,979.08	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2010	\$	185,975.11	
	\$	866,733.94	\$ 866,733.94

JULY 1, 2009- JUNE 30, 2010			
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		\$	23,513,270.32
AMBULANCE ACCT		\$	404,979.08
	TOTAL	\$	23,918,249.40

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES		\$	23,203,158.72
INTEREST/FEEES		\$	123,793.97
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		\$	294.69
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		\$	186,022.94
AMBULANCE ACCT		\$	404,979.08
	TOTAL	\$	23,918,249.40

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

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TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2009 Vital Statistics received after last year's annual report:

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Northampton	12	9

2010 VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Belchertown	3	0
	Boston	2	1
	Gardner	0	1
	Holyoke	6	5
	Northampton	25	28
	Springfield	31	35
	Ware	1	0
	Worcester	1	0
	Total	69	70

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	45	55
Non-Resident	18	14
Married in Belchertown:	35	
Married Out-of-Town:	31	

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	43	40
Non-Resident	0	0

Place of Death:

Amherst	5	South Hadley	2
Belchertown	31	Springfield	9
Chicopee	1	Ware	2
Hadley	4	West Brookfield	2
Holyoke	6	Wilbraham	4
Northampton	8	Worcester	1
Palmer	3		

ADA Committee

The American with Disabilities Committee (ADA) Members for the year 2010 were: Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Chief; Max Bock, Maintenance Department; and Sally Dodge is town-appointed representative.

The ADA Committee meets throughout the year as necessary. The Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.



Agricultural Commission

Although only beginning its fifth year, the Agricultural Commission has accomplished many goals in its mission to promote agriculture in Belchertown. These include changes to the Town Bylaws for the definition of agriculture, animal fencing and agritourism. We also submitted a Right to Farm Bylaw which was passed at the Town meeting in 2009.

Our membership is made up of farmers and others with interests in agriculture. We meet monthly. One way we stay in

touch with local farmers is through our annual Farmer's Meeting held every January. It is a nice time to visit friends and hear what issues are on people's minds. The suggestions that arise from the meeting help to set the Commission's agenda for the following year. From prior meetings we were encouraged to publish a farm guide and hold a workshop on certified kitchens for processing food.

Our topic for the 2010 Farmer's Meeting was land preservation which covered an overview of conservation easements, development rights and Chapter 61 land taxation.

Also in 2010, we updated and printed a new Farm Guide which lists 31 producers of animal, vegetable, flower and tree products. We again helped sponsor the July Antique Tractor Show on the Town Commons. During the year we met with members of the Kestrel Land Trust and had discussions about Chapter 61 and the Farm Animal and Machinery Tax. We voted to become a member of the Massachusetts Association of Agricultural Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Judith Gillan
Hope Guardenier
Alan Page

Associate members:
Daniel Beaudette
Susan Gay
Matthew Kotowski

Animal Control Department
Telephone: 413-519-1754

Animal Control took in over 75 animals during 2010. We reunited most with their owners and found homes for several unclaimed pets. This year unfortunately seemed to be the year of abandonment. Whether due to the hard economic times or other reasons we had several pets that went unclaimed. Some were in good condition a few were in very bad states of health. The one that caught the public's eye was "Britt". A Brittany Spaniel in such horrendous condition that we had no alternative but to euthanize. To date, even with all the support of the community, we have not been able to find her previous owner.

Fortunately we have been able to make friendships with several rescues, both locally and statewide, that have been able to help us place some of our dogs. Rainbow Rescues in Chicopee took one of our dogs that had some behavior issues and was able to send him to a trainer and help him find his forever home. Of that we are truly grateful!

We lost a dear friend of the Pound and dog trainer, Kimberly Williams, this year. Kimberly was a great asset to the Pound. She was always there to help us out with any questions or behavioral concerns we had about the dogs in our care.

Animal Control is very happy to welcome the members of the new Animal Control Advisory Board. We look forward to working together in the future and having their assistance in making Belchertown a safe, animal friendly community.



We have started a limited foster care program for some of the animals we get in our care that do not do well in a kennel atmosphere.

We would also like to once again thank all our donors whether anonymous or known to us that have continued to donate food, blankets, toys and treats for all the animals in our care. These donors help to make the animals lives a little richer while waiting for a forever home.

Thanks you also to Countryside Animal Hospital for all the care they give to each and every lost pet that comes into our hands needing help. Dr. Adams, who lives in town, and Dr. Edman who lives near by have been a tremendous help along with their staff. They help us keep every animal in our care in the best of health. They also donate time and items to the pound and our causes.

We hope that 2011 is an even quieter year with less strays and abandonments. We would like to remind the residents that if you have an issue or concern or need assistance please call us. If we cannot help you we may be able to point you in the right direction for assistance.

I personally would like to thank my assistants Katherine Thibedeau and Janet Lipscomb for the tremendous job they do as both assistant ACOs and as the pound keepers. They help to keep the animals' minds active and their bodies exercised.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton
Animal Control Officer

250th Anniversary Committee

The 250th Anniversary Committee was formed in the summer of 2009, and after a series of meetings, the committee decided on a nine-month celebration in 2011 that would kick off on New Years Eve and continue on throughout the anniversary year until the Belchertown Fair in September. It is the goal of this committee to have a very meaningful and sensational celebration, while being respectful of the town's budget and difficult economic times. Considerable research has been done on past anniversary celebrations—the events of Belchertown's 200th in particular.

In 2010, sub-committees were formed for each of the events planned: "Celebrate Belchertown" around the town common on December 31, 2010, a period-style dress ball at the high school on April 2, 2011, and a community picnic on the town common on July 2, 2011. The committee will collaborate with the Fair Committee to help make the 2011 Fair a grand culmination of the anniversary year. There will be a parade. There will also be a "Bushy Brothers" beard-growing contest much like the one that took place 50 years ago at the last anniversary.

At the Special Town Meeting on December 6, 2010, the town gave approval for an initial \$5,000 to be transferred to the Committee for the payment of initial costs such as police coverage at the first event, as well as giving the committee approval for doing its own fundraising. With assistance from the Zimmer Foundation in Belchertown, the Committee ordered

250th commemorative souvenirs to be sold throughout the year as a fundraiser. Such items being sold are pocket watches, men's and women's watches, umbrellas, antique gold coins, and lapel pins. Anyone interested in purchasing these items may contact the Town Clerk's office at 323-0281. The Cultural Council has produced a wonderful 250th Anniversary calendar which is also available. Sales of the commemorative items have been quite successful so far.

The first event, "Celebrate Belchertown" was very well attended and considered a big success. Several town organizations sponsored events that were held at venues around the town common for the New Year's Eve kick-off. Among the activities offered were Family Bingo, party hat making, a magic show, martial arts demonstration, horse-drawn wagon rides, a display by local photographer Les Campbell and friends, and live music. Those who stayed until midnight rang in the anniversary year with bells and good cheer as the town's church bells rang simultaneously.

The Committee is excited about the upcoming dress ball on Saturday, April 2, 2011 in the BHS gymnasium. Tickets may be purchased in advance for an elegant evening of fine food, music, and dancing. Guests should prepare to be dressed in their favorite period style of clothing.



The actual anniversary of Belchertown's incorporation is June 30, and so the Anniversary Day Picnic on Saturday, July 2, 2011 promises to be a very special day. The committee is planning a potluck meal on the common, local entertainment, carriage rides on Park Street, an ice cream social, and lots of activities for kids. Bring your blanket and chairs and reserve your table in advance. There will also be a beautiful quilt display in Lawrence Memorial Hall on that day.

The Committee is very grateful for the community's input and support. The goal is to mark the 250th in the very best way possible and to share with everyone the pride we have in our town.

For more information on 250th Anniversary plans, please go to: www.belchertown250.blogspot.com or contact the Town Clerk's Office. There is much more to come so please keep checking back for updates.

Respectfully submitted,
The 250th Anniversary Committee

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2010 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

At the Town Election in May 2010, Samuel Joyal was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Thomas Barry and William Huber remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budget outlooks remain bleak, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively strong. Important figures in establishing the FY10 budget included:

FY10 Total Taxable Value:

1,377,547,114

Town Meeting Appropriations:

\$44,214,803

Estimated Receipts/Revenue sources:

\$23,744,453

Tax Levy:

\$20,470,350

Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions:

\$20,520,678

FY10 New Growth:

\$262,196

FY10 Tax Rate:

\$14.86

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon timely filed chapter applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational and forestry uses.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment of all real estate and personal property for fiscal 2010. With market conditions in Belchertown remaining stable, there was relatively little change to the overall market values and assessments in town. The Board is confident that all classes of property are being assessed fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Thomas Barry, Chairman
Samuel Joyal
William Huber

Belchertown Community Television

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 19, and 20 (Channel 20 is dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Selectmen
- Planning Board
- School Committee
- EDIC
- Board of Health
- The Annual Town Meeting
- Special Town Meetings

Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
- BHS Boys' Basketball Games
- BHS Girls' Basketball Games
- Wrestling

Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess...

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- Belchertown Sting Rays Swim Team
- 250th Anniversary Celebrate Belchertown
- (Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- Grace Community
- Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally makes us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

Equipment Upgrades: Belchertown United Church of Christ has had its audio and video equipment upgraded. BCTV purchased a new digital camera, reused an audio mixer, and purchased professional microphones so this weekly church service could be properly heard and seen.

The video signal coming from our Belchertown High School Media Room was broken up and the audio signal was weak. A service call from Valley

Communication identified the problem and a service call from Charter Communication fixed that problem. A new cable transmitter box without dirty heads was the answer.

The original audio equipment installed in the then new Belchertown High School Auditorium is now no longer adequate. Microphones are missing, microphone cables need repair, and the speaker cluster needs to be rotated 180 degrees, the list went on and on, and the microphone patching system was complicated at best. BCTV, in cooperation with the School Superintendent's Office and Theatrix of Belchertown, held several meetings to determine the best solutions. BCTV and the Superintendent's Office agreed to share the costs of this upgrade. The result was that BCTV got the best audio feed ever at the December 6 Special Town Meeting and the town meeting members got the best sound in the auditorium ever. This is definitely a win-win situation for the High School, the Town, and BCTV.

The video mixing equipment used by BCTV at the High School was upgraded as part of the overall plan to "get a better signal when broadcasting live" from the HS. BCTV purchased a new video mixer, new digital monitors, new shotgun microphones, and rewired the entire console. Again, this improved quality of the image being sent to the town.

Overall BCTV was able to dramatically improve our High School broadcasts because of the Media Room troubleshooting, the audio upgrade, and the console upgrade.

Belchertown is subject to thunderstorms each summer and BCTV usually loses power at least once each summer. This loss of power means the station goes off the air and equipment needs to be repaired from the resulting power surge. After a lengthy consultation with the Town IT department, an appropriate Universal Power Supply (UPS) was purchased, tested, and installed at the station. BCTV now has a 30-minute battery backup power supply.



In addition to the UPS, BCTV consulted with the Town Department of Public Works about running the UPS power supply through the Senior Center emergency power generator. That installation has been approved and will commence January 2011.

BCTV has increased its total daily broadcasting time through the help of our volunteers. We now load our five DVD players in the morning for morning shows and in the evening for our evening shows. Again, this is possible because we have volunteers who are committed to doing this. Another way we have increased daily programming is by uploading shows onto the broadcast hard drive. Our computer controlled station now can access shows stored on the hard drive for playback.

As has been mentioned previously, BCTV is a volunteer organization. For a long time the manager of BCTV was looking for a way to reward those volunteer efforts. Through meetings with the Town Accountant, the Town Administrator, and after consultation

with the Town Lawyers, and, finally, with the approval of Town Meeting, a table of stipends for camera operators, editors, and producers was approved. In addition, a salary for the station manager was approved and capped at fifteen hours a week.

Personnel Upgrades: BCTV now has three video editors. We are fortunate to have them but, of course, each editor had an editing style. A brief meeting was held to discuss how best to achieve a "BCTV Unified Look" which has been implemented.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who manages all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, and her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden the user with information continue to meet high standards for our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has been an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Mindy and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers and staff: BCTV runs on community power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Mary Ann Brennen	Pat Barry
Savannah Beck	Keith Bettencourt
Judy Bettencourt	Louise Christ
Cara DeTour	Terry Fontaine
Ray Fontaine	Janis Gush
Audrey LePage	Norm Loftus
Shawn Lindholm	Shannon Materka
Ron Pobieglo	

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine and Peg Louraine
General Managers, BCTV

Clapp Memorial Library¹

In 2010 more than 14,200 people called Belchertown their home. Of that number 8,422 (60%) choose to carry a current Clapp Memorial Library card. The Library welcomed more than 2,200 visitors each week; more than 118,600 visitors throughout 2010. The Library could accommodate those visitors because on average your Library was open 42.5 hours each week (47 regular hours and 33 summer hours). These regular hours included 8 evening hours and 4 Saturday hours. So too, each week during the school year your Clapp Memorial Library offered Belchertown students 22 additional hours of free access to a wealth of educational resources after our school libraries closed

¹ All comparison figures are the most current provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).

at 3:00 p.m. During those hours the skilled and talented Clapp Memorial Library staff fielded 5,666 educational research inquiries, approximately 110 per week.

During their frequent Library visits our Belchertown friends and neighbors borrowed more than 130,000 items, available in a growing variety of formats that included, print, DVD, audio and digital. Our younger visitors (pre-school through grade 6) selected 38,400 items, while teens and adults borrowed in excess of 91,500 items. These numbers included 18,663 items borrowed from other libraries.

Those 18000+ items borrowed from other libraries represents nearly 15% of our total circulation of library materials. The primary reason for borrowing this many resources from other libraries is the lack of space and resources here at home, at the Clapp Memorial Library. Our entire collection of books, DVDs, etc. that are available for loan numbers but 30,275 items; 18,517 for adults and 11,758 for children. Of the 52 Group 4 libraries², the Clapp Memorial Library has the fewest educational resources available for the Belchertown community.

It is our membership in the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing (C/W MARS) network that provides our visitors with access to library resources unavailable here at the Clapp Memorial Library. C/W MARS is a library

² There are 52 Massachusetts libraries serve populations of between 10,000 and 15,000. These are the Group 4 libraries, and they include the Clapp Memorial Library.

consortium dedicated to efficient resource sharing and rapid access to information. Currently, C/W MARS includes 155 member libraries which circulate more than nine million items annually. These member libraries offer a combined collection of more than six million items to which your Clapp Memorial Library card gives you free access. Upon your request, either while visiting the Library, or from the comfort of your own home, items selected from these libraries will be promptly delivered here to your Library, where you can pick them up and return them after using. This popular and necessary service costs you nothing.

So too, your Clapp Memorial Library card provides access to the Library's Educational Technology Network (ETN). In conjunction with C/W MARS, the Clapp Memorial Library is able to provide access to several hundred respected and authoritative educational and informational web sites and databases. In FY 2010 an average of 125 library visitors used our ETN each week. These same resources are also available from your home or office 24/7. Similarly convenient is our Wireless access capabilities. If you are new to computers instruction can be arranged.

During FY2010 the Clapp Memorial Library offered 279 programs with 7,636 participants. Children's Educational Services offered 225 children's programs and 24 teen programs. Apparently these programs were quite popular attracting more than 7,100 participants. We also offered 30 adult programs that attracted 494 participants. These figures do not include the 547 participants in the

Children's Summer Reading Program, or the 304 individuals who took part in the Teen/Adult Summer Reading Challenge.



In FY2010 the Clapp Memorial Library was level funded at \$378,009. That amount represents less than 1% of the entire Belchertown municipal budget for FY2010. On a per capita basis, the Town of Belchertown spent but \$25.40 for public library services; less than the cost of a single hardcover best-selling novel. On average, the municipal support of the remaining 51 libraries in Group 4 equals 1.36% of their municipal budget, with an average per capita expenditure of \$36.02.

The Clapp Memorial Library was able to deliver all of these popular and frequently enjoyed programs and services despite these fiscal constraints. The primary reason for such success is the outstanding efforts of the Clapp Memorial Library Board of Trustees and staff. While the Board represents almost 65 years of public library administrative know-how, the staff brings a combined 100+ years of high quality customer service experience to your Clapp Memorial Library each day.

Both the CML Board of Trustees and staff consider it a duty and a privilege to satisfy your public library service needs. We appreciate your giving us this opportunity, and hope that you will visit us often in 2011.

Respectfully,

Owen D. Maloney,
Library Director

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 39 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 25 of these were Requests for Determination, 12 were Notices of Intent, two were for permit extensions, and two for amended Order of Conditions. The Commission issued one Emergency Certificate for the protection of public health and safety and two Enforcement Orders. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission Administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the Town.



This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in

January, 2008. For the year 2010, there were 29 applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. The

Conservation Commission is in the process of updating these regulations and has held numerous hearings, inviting the public to comment on revising and updating the Belchertown Stormwater Regulations.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission has also been working with the new owners of the Cold Spring Golf Course to assist them with the projects resurrection. The anticipated opening is estimated around Spring, 2012.

The Commission was also notified in October that the Town has been awarded a \$500,000.00 Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Land Acquisition Grant for the Holland Glen Forest. This 290 acre property, located to the north of Route 9 in Belchertown, contains wildlife habitat and connectivity between the Mt. Holyoke Range State Park and the Quabbin Reservoir, the upper waterfalls of Holland Glen and a portion of the New England National Scenic trail, which could be used as a possible re-route for the trail. The conservation goal for this property is to protect a large tract of contiguous forestland as a Conservation Area. The Intermittent Streams located on this property flow directly into the Lawrence Swamp Aquifer, which supplies drinking water to Amherst and Belchertown.

These communities are connected by water and this project is consistent with the goals of the Massachusetts Watershed Initiative, by helping to protect a critical watershed, protecting forest-land for endangered species and sharing the responsibility for watershed protection and forest management.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private, public organizations and individuals. The Topping Farm Conservation Area fields were mowed, new signage was erected and the parking areas were improved by DPW. The Scarborough Brook Conservation Area fields were also mowed and new signage was posted. The Friends of Scarborough Brook Conservation Area, working with the Conservation Commission and a botanist for Natural Heritage Endangered Species program, developed a management plan for the protection of endangered plants located on this property. The Dams also located on this property have been inspected and determined to be in fair condition. The Wentworth Conservation Area trail has been cleared, re-blazed and a picnic table has been placed at a scenic location on the trail. This work was done as an Eagle Scout project, by Troop #57 sponsored by Mark Lamontage. The Boy Scout hut at the Jabish Brook Conservation area has been re-roofed and the trail has also been re-blazed and the area cleaned up. This work was sponsored by Cameron Laramée, also as an Eagle Scout project working with Troop #57. The

Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2011-2012 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect and maintain valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Conservation Commission

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Linda LeDuc, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Associate Comm.
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

Council on Aging / Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging / Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on

Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include David Small, Chairperson; Pat Kleeberg, Vice Chair; Esther Pierce; Tom Soja; Elaine Hitchcock; Sandy Farron; and Lois Dorn. There are also five associate members. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate Meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach efforts and social services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage options, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the State's Prescription Advantage program have added a heavy additional demand on this department. We are one of the few Centers in the state to have two staff members trained as SHINE insurance

counselors. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue for our seniors. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTa is still a pressing matter. During the past year we worked closely with the Board of Selectmen and PVTa to maintain the Belchertown shuttle route to Ware. During FY10, our handicapped accessible vans transported 145 different seniors on over 7200 individual trips. The Executive Director of the Senior Center submitted a successful mobility assistance grant to obtain a new 14-passenger vehicle costing \$58,000 from the Executive Office of Transportation. This vehicle was put into service in January of 2010 at no cost to the town. The Director has applied for a second grant to replace our second van which already has over 150,000 miles on the odometer. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more.

Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. Recently the Council received a bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott to help support this program. This program provided 1500 hours of service to almost 100+ seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. This program has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and

advocate for additional transportation services and funds.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY10 period, 463 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 10,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 25,000 meals to 140 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. Frozen weekend meals are also available. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused,

suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Seventeen different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY 10.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. The Director is currently working with several organizations including Wing Hospital and the University of Massachusetts to develop a depression screening program and to make all Mental Health Services more accessible.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. We have had several community collection drives, which help support this effort.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, Wii bowling and other virtual exercise classes, and three different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues.

Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. One hundred four people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class and Yoga continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We offer massages, which are provided at a fee by trained professionals. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. We

have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers. The parishioners of Saint Francis' church once again donated gifts to be distributed to our seniors during the holidays. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

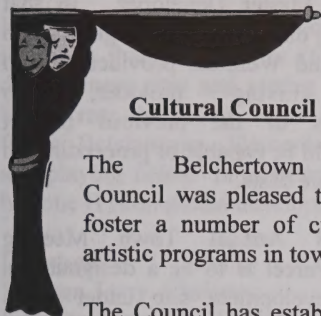
Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over ninety citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY10. Over 15,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least \$130,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Over half of our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. We now have over 2800 seniors over the age of 60 and 1000 seniors in the 60-65 year age range. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority and the need for additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. Our seniors should be able to remain in the town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring

provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.



Cultural Council

The Belchertown Cultural Council was pleased this year to foster a number of cultural and artistic programs in town.

The Council has established as a priority the working with other town committees, and has been able this year to co-ordinate with the Senior Center, the school system, the Belchertown Land trust, and the Clapp Memorial Library to bring programs to the Community, across several age groups and areas of interest. Again this year, the Springfield Youth Symphony with the help of the Belchertown Cultural Council presented its musical program at the High School. Programs were presented at the Senior Center, the Library and in the Kindergartens at Cold Spring School. One local film maker also made a film about the history of the Belchertown State School. This year's applications represented a variety of ideas for programs.

With funds from the Commonwealth reduced yet again this year, the Cultural Council has been able to only partially fund some programs in town. Applicants have been creative and flexible, however, and have continued valuable programs.

The Council has worked to support the 250th Anniversary Committee, and ended

2010 with the presentation to the town of the 250th Commemorative Calendar for 2011, featuring photographs and anecdotes from Belchertown's past, drawn from the archives at the Clapp Memorial Library and The Stone House Museum as well as some private collections. The Anniversary calendar helped to kick off Belchertown's Anniversary year of 2011.

Council members are: Linda Cunningham, Bruce Klockars, Claudia Bermudez, Lew Holzman, Daniel Green, Jennifer Whitehead, and Matt Grillo.

Submitted by:

Sharon Marean, Chair
Belchertown Cultural Council

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

In 2010 BEDIC executed a Memorandum of Agreement with MassDevelopment. This agreement forms a partnership with BEDIC and MassDevelopment to develop the State School property. This

partnership provides BEDIC with the tools needed to obtain bond financing and to provide assistance with the development of the property.

In the summer of 2010 Weston Solutions Corporation approached BEDIC about the development of the State School Property. A Letter of Interest was signed in September giving the Company 90 days to review the property and to determine the feasibility of a multi-use development. BEDIC hired the Vann Group to perform an independent due diligence on Weston Solutions. The Vann Group reported that Weston Solutions has the capability to bring a project of this magnitude to fruition. Weston presented a preliminary plan indicated the project would be built out in phases and that they have the expertise and manpower to remediate the environmental issues associated with the property. If the Company decides to proceed with the project BEDIC will utilize the services of MassDevelopment and will remain a partner with Weston solutions to assure the property is developed as envisioned by the Town of Belchertown.

In 2009 BEDIC worked hard with the Town Foley Field Commission and completed the transfer of 66 acres of fields and wetlands to the Town School Department for use as an educational area and for recreation. BEDIC continues to work with the School Department to put in place a Conservation Restriction to ensure the use of the property remains educational.

On parcel B, the approved subdivision road off State Street has four (4) separate

developments completed. The BEDIC continues to pursue an integrated development of the acreage, with or without a Master Developer. In that connection, discussions are ongoing with a Health and Wellness provider and an Assisted Living provider, two components of the previous project which would be capable of proceeding on a stand-alone basis.

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting approved Parcel B to be a designated a priority development site under Mass General Law 43D. The MGL 43D Agreement between the Town and the Commonwealth provides funding to improve the Town's geographic information system software, including a permit tracking feature; document wetlands; complete a site development assessment including infrastructure, study traffic and access; identify a preliminary list of permits needed; create up to two conceptual Master Plans and complete a market study to identify demand. Mass Development completed this work in the Summer of 2009 and a feasibility and market study was presented to BEDIC and the Town. This confirmed a mixed use approach with many of the same elements which BEDIC has been pursuing. BEDIC will continue to pursue this approach while still entertaining individual proposals for small parcels. BEDIC is in discussions with Mass Development to establish a working relationship which will facilitate potential draw-down of the State approved \$10,000,000.00 bond as well as other grants to be used to clean-up Parcel B.

The former Parcel E saw continued build out with new businesses opening and new jobs being created.

BEDIC has a draft development plan for Parcel D that includes six (6) potential development sites and setting aside land in the rear that abuts Town land for a future Belchertown Elementary School and playing fields. In addition, Parcel D has one (1) completed development.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman

Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman

Juanita Holler, FAIA, Clerk

Jonathan Spiegel

Ken Dorey

Beth Maroney, Financial Secretary

Emergency Management

During 2010 there were no incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was reviewed along with emergency shelter locations with Red Cross.

The Department continues to assist with monetary support of the Town's CTY instant notification system which was placed into service last year, and has been successfully utilized several times for general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The Office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the Town's emergency plan, and participates in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.

Belchertown continues to stand ready with modern technology and training for many types of incidents including but not limited to natural or manmade disasters, weather related emergencies, and hazardous substances.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock

Emergency Management Director

Emergency Medical Services

The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services has had another busy year providing 24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown from our location at 9 East Walnut Street.

The EMS Department presently consists of 8 full time Paramedics; the per diem staff consists of 6 Paramedics. One ambulance is staffed at our station 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days a year. The 2nd ambulance now has on duty staffing Monday-Friday from the hours 8am-4pm.

The Belchertown EMS Department covers EMS calls not only in Belchertown, but also occasionally is called on a mutual aid basis to the neighboring towns. Approximately 70% of all EMS calls are Advanced Life Support/Paramedic level calls.

It has been a very challenging year with the economy and level funding of the budgets to maintain the level of the service we have provided in previous years, but we at Belchertown EMS continue to be committed to providing the best Pre Hospital Paramedic Level care possible to the members of our community.



The year 2010 brought on a new challenge of moving forward to the first step of merging the Fire Department and the EMS Department. Four full-time Firefighters were hired (two Paramedics and two EMT-Basics) and they will help fill shifts on the ambulance and staff the second ambulance calls that we are finding more frequent than past years. I look forward to working with Chief Bock in our venture to continue the merge process to enhance the Fire/EMS services we provide to the citizens of our town.

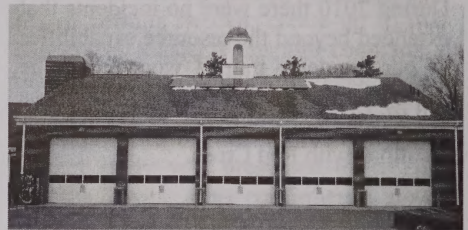
I would like to thank Gary Brougham, Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the citizens of Belchertown for the continued support and especially thank all the members of the EMS Department for their hard work and dedication throughout the year of 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
EMS Director

Energy Committee

The Belchertown Energy Committee was established in 2009 for the purpose of developing and recommending sound energy policies for the Town. The committee has had the privilege of working with Gary Brougham, Bob Lachance and Steve Williams to review audits of town buildings and discuss energy efficiency upgrades planned for various buildings. We have also worked with the Selectmen, particularly Jim Barry and Ken Elstein, to help the Town gain the title of Green Community by meeting the five requirements. This enabled Belchertown to become eligible to receive solar powered trash cans and a grant. The grant is being used for energy efficiency improvements.

In 2010, a 4 KW photovoltaic system was installed at the Fire Station. The website



Solar Panels on Fire Station

to information on the system and the amount of electricity it has produced is on the Town's website.

Belchertown is working with Siemens who performed energy audits and prepared a report on suggested improvements and upgrades. We look forward to assisting the School Department and Department of Public Works on reviewing the report.

We typically meet at 7:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. We encourage citizens to attend the meetings and welcome new members to join the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Energy Committee



Fair and Parade Committee

This past year, Belchertown held its 153rd annual fair. The theme "Lettuce Entertain Ewe" provided interesting backdrops for the weekend. Fairgoers had the opportunity to interpret the theme in their own way. The fair took place the weekend of September 24-26th. The forecast of hot and dry weather provided a record crowd for the events and entertainment.

A new tradition, in its fourth year, continued to open fair weekend: the Thursday night fireworks display held at Chestnut Hill School. Many of Belchertown's residents and friends from neighboring towns gathered on the field to enjoy the opening celebration.

With the warm and dry weather, the Midway was a busy place to be. Amusement rides were provided by Mark

Fanelli Traveling Amusement Company. The Giant Pumpkin Contest weigh in was held Friday night; the Lamontagne family came in first with a 360 pound pumpkin. Kids' Night Out went off without a hitch. I never saw so many children in one place. The event was sponsored by Dwight Chapel. Saturday morning was a great day for a parade. Record crowds lined Main Street to await the start of the parade. It seemed like everyone from Belchertown was there. Members of the parade included amateur marching units, Belchertown Twirlers and the 10th Massachusetts Infantry Militia to name a few. The Judges' Award went to the Friends of Clapp Library.

Other awards...

- First place float: Friends of Clapp Library
- First place band: Belchertown High School
- First place antique car: Frank Wenzel
- First place antique truck: Lenny Blajda
- First place antique tractor: Phillip Eastwood
- Exhibit Hall People's Choice Award: Emily Bancroft
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest winner: Heather Huntley
- Helen Papp Award: Donna Butler
- Fair Cake: Hannah Horak

Also occurring fair weekend were oxen and horse pulls. The winners were...

Horse pulls:

- 3300lbs and under: Brad Hurlburt
- 3300lbs and over: Jim Malloy

Oxen pulls:

- 2500lbs and under: Mike Audette with 10,500 lbs
- 2900lbs and under: Mike Audette with 11,000lbs
- 3300lbs and under: Ted Lewis with 12,500lbs
- Free Class 3300lbs: Ted Lewis with 16,000lbs

In addition to recognizing all of the volunteers and committee members (who donate countless hours of their own time as a year round commitment), we would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Belchertown Police and Fire Departments, Department of Public Works, the Town Hall and Town Administrator staff for their efforts and continued support.

We are continually looking for new ideas and new people to assist in the year-round commitment that the fair entails. We encourage hardworking, interested individuals to attend a meeting and possibly become a part of a great tradition that continues to get better each year.

Hope to see you at the 154th Belchertown Fair!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Fire Department

The Fire Department has provided another dedicated year of fire protection to our community. Our commitment

towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of the firefighters, their families, our Town Officials and the great continued support we receive from the businesses, and the great citizens of Belchertown.

Your firefighters continue to keep current with new standards and technology, each firefighter averaged 261 hours of training this past year. Fire prevention enforcement and planning continues to be ongoing and steady with little relief from prior years. Even with a decline in the economy the Department conducted more inspections this year than in 09 or 08.

Fire education continues to be ongoing within our schools and is one of the most rewarding benefits of the job.

Overall there was a slight increase in annual call volume in 2010 by 76 incidents. Sadly there were several major home fires this past year with considerable monetary and personal property loss to the occupants.

The Fire Station received a cluster of solar panels installed on the roof to offset some electricity usage. You can monitor the activity and savings by visiting the Internet at Belchertown.org and clicking the solar panel link on the home page.

The Department also hired its first full-time employees since 1996. Through the ongoing efforts of current fire department staff, and support of the Board of Selectmen, we hired four full-time firefighters with medical cross training with funds from a Department of Homeland Security Grant. In addition,

the Selectmen approved the request to merge the Emergency Medical Services into the Fire Department creating one unified department. The process has begun to cross train and merge; however it will be a slow and methodical process. This will provide additional weekday coverage to the citizens.

In closing I would like to thank the officers and firefighters of the Department for their continued support and dedication to duty. In addition I would also like to thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without their support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified, and professional personnel take an active interest in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

**Members of
Belchertown Fire Department**

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Chief Fire Inspector

Capt. John C. Workman

Captains

Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis

Lieutenants

Edward D. Fuller
Thomas E. Cooke
Darryn G. Beaudry
Patrick M. McMorro
Thomas J. Giguere

Firefighters

Herb Wood	Sam Joyal
Paul Greene	Edward Knight
Paul Tierney	Donald Thayer
Scott Rae	Matt Rivest
Jeff Scott	Mark Lavallee
Scott Chapman	Gilbert Ocasio
Jeff Haughey	Robert Ladd, Sr.
Christopher Fournier	Dan Austin
Rhyan Huber	Shawn O'Rourke
Justin Roy	Nathan Shattuck
Robert VanZandt, Jr.	Dave Burns
Kevin Vickers	Matt Tolpa
Mike Neiford	

Auxiliary Firefighters

Evan Dell'Olio	Mike Beaudry
Joe VanZandt	Sharon Hart
Michael Hofler	Jared LaValle
Joshua Miller	

<u>Types of Responses</u>	<u>2009</u>
Structure Fires	10
Vehicle Fires	05
Vehicle Extrication	03
Wildland Fires	62
CO Alarms	20
Hazardous Spills	25
Faulty Appliance	74
Sounding Alarms	90
Investigations	40
Mutual Aid	07
Total	336

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	784
Smoke Detector	184
Oil Burner	112
Propane Storage	76
Underground Tank Removal	11
Fuel Storage	06
Blasting	07
Total	1180

Hampshire Council of Governments

The Hampshire Council of Governments is a membership based organization that solves common challenges through regional solutions while retaining local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in Fiscal Year 2010 were \$37,206. Dues for all member towns have been reduced to ease the financial burden to the municipalities while increasing the stability of the Council membership. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs. It is the continued goal of the Council to increase revenues from a variety of sources to offset the reduced assessment and to expand services.

The Council achieved several key goals in 2010.

- A strategic planning process was completed, with input from all towns in our service area. The Council will continue to refine this planning process and will work with our membership to create specific services and programs to meet the most pressing needs of the Towns.
- Hampshire Power continues its impressive expansion. It now serves the electricity needs of towns, schools, and businesses in the five Western Counties of Massachusetts - Hampshire, Franklin, Hampden, Worcester, and Berkshire.
- Hampshire Power is aggressively pursuing Municipal Aggregation, which will eventually strive to serve residential customers, expanding the benefit of our electricity cost saving model.

Hampshire Care and the Hampshire Park property were sold to the Masonic Health System of Massachusetts.

- The Council Cooperative Purchasing Program saved the participants in this program approximately \$718,110.
- The Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust held down costs once again, keeping to single digit health care increases in a climate of double digit increases. The Trust remains the pinnacle of health insurance in the Commonwealth.
- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provided 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$2.58 million.

The Councilors established a scholarship fund to help support high school students who have demonstrated civic and community involvement

Hampshire Power: Hampshire Power continued to expand with the number of customers increasing to almost 100. The energy load increased from 4 to 6 MWs during FY2010. More towns and districts in Worcester and Berkshire Counties joined the Program and the renewal

rate of contracts was 100%. A new rate plan was added during the year which resulted in three choices for customers – the new Fixed, the Real Time, and the Profit Share. During FY2010, Real Time Rate customers saved a total of \$410,000 compared to the utilities' rates. The Municipal Aggregation Initiative was launched with the hiring of a staff person to research regulations, meet with towns' Boards of Selectmen, develop the necessary plan for the Department of Public Utilities, and commence aggregation for a number of towns. The Green Committee, a sub-committee of the Electricity Committee, was revived and green options for customers, sustainability, and renewable energy programs continue to be researched. To decrease the risk involved in purchasing electricity, staff had reviewed proposals and met with consultants in order to contract for purchasing services in the new fiscal year.

Cooperative Purchasing: The Cooperative Purchasing program, now in its 30th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, human service agencies, and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for Fiscal Year 2010 was \$4.6 million with a projected savings of \$718,110.

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust: In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single-digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. An Insurance Advisory Committee, made up of representatives of all participating units, meets regularly to discuss problems and possible solutions and to explore new ideas. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products. In the Insurance Year 2010 (April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2010), the collective premium for the Trust was \$45M. Through the efforts and expertise of the Trust management, the volume of participation in the program, and the participation of the town representatives on the Advisory Board, the Insurance Trust is successful at managing costs while providing excellent benefits.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program: RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) of Hampshire & Franklin Counties is the Council's community service program that mobilizes adults age 55+ to meet community needs by recruiting, placing, and supporting volunteers in a diverse array of service opportunities at local non-profit and public agencies. RSVP matches people with experience and skills to offer with organizations that need their help. The program benefits the senior population by keeping them active and engaged, and benefits our region by bringing these volunteers' dedication, wisdom, and expertise to bear on our communities' most pressing needs.

During FY10, RSVP brought on 141 new volunteers bringing our total volunteer force to 653. These volunteers gave more than 124,000 hours of service to our communities, equaling a contribution of more than \$2.58 million. RSVP Volunteers serve at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, after school programs, survival centers, and senior centers in towns across the two counties.

The following are some examples of the impact RSVP volunteers are having on our communities:

- During the reporting period 20 volunteers worked with 203 students in schools and after school programs to improve academic skills. 74% of students increased their interest in reading and 776% improved their academic skills.
- Through RSVP's Osteoporosis Exercise Program, 32 volunteers led strength training classes for 242 seniors. 85% of class participants improved their physical health and 97% improved their ability to avoid falls or broken bones.
- 128 volunteers increased food security in our region by providing food to more than 800 elders.

255 volunteers improved the quality of life for more than 10,000 seniors by leading activities and providing information at senior centers.

Regional Services: The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. The department secured surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for Fiscal Year 2010, after fees and delivery charges, totaled \$4,400.00. Net program income from fees was \$6,350.00. Member communities receive a 50% discount off the Council portion of the fee, as well as the right of first refusal on higher quality pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. The department arranges workshops and seminars on topics of interest to local officials.

Hampshire Inspection Program: Now in its sixteenth year, the Hampshire Inspection Program is a fee for service building inspection and zoning enforcement program serving Chesterfield, Goshen, Huntington, and Middlefield. Annual assessments are based on building permit and zoning activity. Two hundred and ninety-eight building permits were issued in FY2010, of which twenty-five permits were for new homes. Annual assessments to member towns are based on hours spent on building permit and zoning activity. All administrative, clerical, and travel expenses are shared equally by member towns. The program offers a fully certified inspector who regularly attends training and educational seminars.

Wellness Initiative Program: The Wellness Initiative is a worksite wellness program working with 70 municipal units to identify the needs and interests of subscribers and to provide information, education and programs promoting healthier choices. The Wellness Initiative launched several new programs including: Being a wise health care consumer; Mediterranean Diet Nutrition class and sampling; and Walking challenges in several communities. The Initiative also piloted 4 wellness teams to assess the health risks, needs and interests of employees in their work place and identify programs and strategies to meet these health needs

The Tobacco Free Community Partnership: The Tobacco Free Community Partnership conducts compliance checks to monitor the illegal sale of tobacco products to minors, and provides education on the health and economic effects of tobacco. In addition the program sponsors a western mass smoke free apartment website for both landlords interested in making their buildings smoke free and tenants interested in finding smoke free apartments. Landlords can list their smoke free apartments for free. The website can be found at www.smokefree.hampshirecog.org,

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300 ext. 2. You may also visit the Council website at www.hampshirecog.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Belchertown Council Representatives

William R. Barnett

Simon R. James

Donald L. Minney

Kyle Vincent

- Received and processed requests for information
- Maintained public access to records
- Investigated requests for records
- Issued subpoenas for records
- Deleted records from the public domain
- Deleted records from the public domain

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from state agencies and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. We have a successful infectious disease control program. We also receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of

Board of Health & Quabbin Health District

Permit/ License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2010.

- Private Drinking Water Well Permits: 29 (28 New Construction, 5 Replacements)
- Septic Permits: 71 (30 New Construction, 41 Repairs)
- Perc Test Applications: 81 (52 New Construction, 29 Repairs)
- Bakery: 2
- Belchertown Fair Temporary Food Permits: 18
- Day Camp Permit: 3
- Ecology Can Permits: 2
- Food Establishment Permits: 20
- Frozen Dessert License: 2
- Funeral Director License: 1
- Limited Food Establishment Permits: 7
- Milk & Cream Licenses: 24
- Mobil Food Permits: 1
- Mobil Home License: 1
- Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces Variance Permits: 0
- Piggery License: 1
- Public Pool Permit: 1
- Public Spa Permit: 0
- Residential Kitchen Permits: 3
- Retail Food Permits: 12
- Septic Hauler's Permits: 9
- Septic Installer's Permits: 34
- Tanning Unit Permits: 3 permits/9 units
- Temporary Food Permits: 6
- Tobacco Retail Permits: 11

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Board of Health

Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases and animal bites were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health in 2010

Animal to Human Bites:

Cat bites:	3
Dog bites:	26
Fox:	1

Reportable Diseases:

Babesiosis:	3
Dengue Fever:	1
Giardiasis:	1
Group A Streptococcal:	1
Legionellosis:	2
Lyme Disease:	9
Pertussis (Whooping Cough):	1
Shigellosis:	1
Salmonellosis:	2
Hepatitis C:	5
Hepatitis B:	1

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 27 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. An additional 22 suspected cases were reported in 2010 of which 17 were for suspected Lyme Disease. The recent addition of a computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals as well as the school nursing staff. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion. All contagious disease reports received by the Board of

Health Office are investigated by Margarita Canuel, R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

In addition, in 2010, The Health Department held H1N1 immunization clinics in Town hall and vaccinated 1002 residents. Also, 135 Belchertown senior citizens or other town residents at risk for flu complications received a flu vaccine shot at one of the Board of Health's immunization clinics held at the Senior Center or at the Town Hall. Home visits are performed for fragile or home-bound seniors who can't attend an immunization clinic.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Cases follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.,
Director of Public Health

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals. On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the Town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2010, I conducted inspections of 191 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

Animal Count

Horses under 1 year old:	15
Horses over 1 year old:	439
Beef Cattle over 2 years old:	124
Beef Cattle under 2 years old:	92
Steers:	17
Goats over 1 year old:	25
Goats under 1 year old:	1
Sheep over 1 year old:	28
Sheep under 1 year old:	2
Feeder Pigs:	15
Breeder Pigs:	7
Llamas:	8
Chickens:	1055
Water Fowl:	94
Game Birds:	25
Rabbits:	99
Turkeys:	6
Doves:	25

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices.

In 2010, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office:

Dog Bites:	26
Cat Bites:	3
Fox Bite:	1
Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause:	33

Nine animals were sent to the State Laboratory for rabies testing. A cat and a fox both tested positive for rabies; five cats, one dog and one opossum tested negative for rabies.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Flebotte
Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2010.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	86	31	7
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	30	8	0
Septic Application Review (Repair)	41	25	4
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	74	26	4
Well Application Review	33	N/A	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-inspections	22	110	2
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	0	6	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	1	0
Condemnations	2	0	0
Food Service Inspections (routine)	71	87	1
Food Service Inspections (complaint)	4	5	0
New or Remodeled Food Establishment Openings	0	3	1
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	25	24	0
Beaver Permits	4	4	0
Nuisance Complaints Received, Investigated and Orders Issued as Warranted	16	44	2
Tanning Bed Licensure	3	4	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	2	0	0
Court Appearances	0	1	1
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	0
Meetings/Hearings	15	19	10

Total Inspection Activities District-wide: 857

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2010 the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2010 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative/clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Ryan Fitzmeyer, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk. I also would like to thank Ware Public Health Nurse Abby Melendy, R.N. and Belchertown Public Nurse Margarita Canuel, R.N. for their hard work this year.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District Bylaw Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic district provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is

compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year we reviewed plans for proposed work within the Historic District that did not require public hearings and therefore were issued a "Certificate of Non-Applicability". We also issued a Certificate of Hardship to

HUM Trust, owners of 29 Main Street for the replacement of a porch roof. We issued Certificates of Applicability to the following: Christine Shirlcliff owner of 26 South Main Street for repair of portico: Hope United Methodist Church at 31 Main Street for replacing existing asphalt shingles with new asphalt shingles: Town of Belchertown at 9 East Walnut Street for construction of gable roof over existing flat roof.

We have acquired one new member for the Commission during the past year while two members resigned. Jacqueline Dupre and Rob Condon both ended their tenure on this Commission while Thomas Stockton filled the Resident of the District position.

The Historic District Bylaw Commission was pleased to present its annual preservation awards. This has become an annual event for properties located within the historic district. This year five homes were honored. The owners have brought a new vitality to the historic center while exhibiting a commitment to work within the parameters of the design guidelines established for the district.

The 2010 preservation award winners are:

The Hopkins House, 51 Main Street: This house was built by George Washburn in 1823 and sold to Samuel P. Hopkins in 1834. The Hopkins were merchants and storekeepers for at least three generations. The house has been considerably altered on several occasions. Samuel Hopkins and his wife were "Perfectionists", a sect that later became the Oneida Community, whose views

were widely divergent from those of orthodox religious congregations. This home is currently owned by Jacqueline Dupre and Rudolf Tembach.

The Purdy Cottage, 3 Maple Street: This home was built in 1856 as a two-story dwelling. It was the home of Harvey Purdy who operated a small restaurant in the center of town. His son Fred was an early photographer who recorded local scenes on postcards. The house was partially destroyed by fire around 1921. The first floor survived and the roofline was altered to reflect the fashionable bungalow style. This home is currently owned by Susan Mahler and Joanne Ehret.

Henry Hoag, Sr. House, 36 Maple Street: This home was constructed in 1887 by Henry Hoag, Sr., a leading Belchertown builder and contractor. His home displayed much of the decorative detail fashionable in the late nineteenth century though later owners have removed most. The house remained in the Hoag family until 1941. This home is currently owned by Karen Dearness.

The Filer Bldg, 11 North Main Street: This structure was a storehouse for Humphrey T. Filer's carriage manufactory built ca. 1840. Filer's shops were among the largest of Belchertown's carriage making industry employing up to fifty people. This home is currently owned by Tini Jekejo Inc.

John P. Spears House, 16 Maple Street: This home was built in 1847-1848 on land that originally was part of the "Stone House" property. Mr. Spears was an undertaker and a manufacturer of coffins.

He was also the caretaker and bell ringer at the Congregational Church for many years. The house is a Greek revival cottage with many classical features. A few later Gothic and Victorian touches have not compromised the original intent of the building. This home is currently owned by the Belchertown Historic Association.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Smith, Chairman
Peter Roberts
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

Historical Commission

Members:

Leslie E Squires, Chairman
Maxine Oland, Vice Chairman
Sue Fulton
Erika Hamilton
Kim Libucha
F. Knowlton Utley

Associate Member:

Judith Fuller Gillian

During the past year the Belchertown Historical Commission reviewed the house surveys that have been done to date. The original house surveys were completed in 1976. The surveys were done of houses in town that were built prior to 1945. The survey shows a picture of the house and it has a map to show the location of the home. The survey lists the name and address and what the dwelling is used for as well as the name of the current owner. It tells us the name of the original owner as well. It details the type and style of construction and any odd/unusual features. There is also the historical significance of the structure mentioned and the bibliography and references in finding the material.

In 2008 additional surveys recorded houses that were not done in 1976. Even with the 2008 survey we were not able to do all the houses built prior to 1945. Since the 1976 survey we have lost some of the old houses. We are in the process of coming up with a new list to include the original 1976 surveys. These need to be updated. The Committee feels that we will find a few additional old houses that may have, for whatever reason, been omitted from earlier reviews. For example, the former Squires house on East Walnut Street was omitted from the earlier write-ups and it dates back to the 1846. This home, as well as some others, was mentioned in "Along Country Roads" but no survey was ever done on it or some other houses that need mentioning.

It is hoped that the new surveys can be accomplished in 2011. This would be a nice tribute to the Belchertown's 250th year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie E Squires, Chairman
Historical Commission

Belchertown Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments and 3 DMR houses.

The elderly/disabled are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each apartment has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom and bath. On site parking is available and there is a laundry room located in the office/community room building. Heat, electric, and trash pick up are included in rent. Apartments are located on first and second floors. There is on site maintenance and a 24 hour answering service.

The family housing is located at State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on second floor and half bath on first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pick up is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments is determined on your net annual income. The apartments are managed by an Executive Director appointed by the Authority Board and are operated

according to the policy of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

The DMR housing is located at State Street, George Hannum and East Walnut Street. The houses on State Street and George Hannum are administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and East Walnut is administered by the Western Massachusetts Consortium.

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Avenue, OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. The office telephone number is 413-323-4064. When the office is not open an answering service will answer your call.

Respectfully submitted;

Darlene Cohen - Executive Director
Tracey Thompson - Chair
Jim Gambaro - Vice Chair
Sally Dodge - Affirmative Action Officer
Knowlton Utley- Treasurer

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued 32 new construction building permits for single-family residences and six new construction building permits for business/commercial during the year 2010.



It appears new home construction is beginning to rebound as the year saw an increase of ten permits being issued compared to 22 in 2009 and 13 in 2008.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1,247. Permits pulled for installing wood/pellet stoves remains constant.

Effective April 1, 2009, the State required trench permits for excavation greater than three feet be pulled, and at year end these permits totaled 92.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector, as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector; Bryan Varney and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee compiled documentation on the various war memorials on the Town Common into a binder. The binder, available in the Town Clerk's Office for public use, includes descriptive and historical information, as well as photos of the monuments. In

2011, the Committee intends to compile information about other memorials located in Belchertown but not on the Common, whether or not they are war-related. After decades of service, Fran Dudek retired from the Committee. His vacancy was filled by the appointment of Archie Archible, a long-serving associate member, as a full member of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Jourdain, Chair
Memorial Committee

Parks, Beach & Recreation

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. With the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches and the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors we were able to offer clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, baton twirling and soccer. Wrestling and Football returned this summer and we added new programming such as Little Chefs and Back Yard All-Stars. Those ages 3 to adults were able to enjoy such summer programs as art classes, Take-A-Hike, and canoeing or kayaking.



We continued our overall beautification of the town beach by continuing with our concession stand, landscape and

bathroom improvements. Our summer of enjoyable weather throughout the beach season brought back many familiar faces along with many new patrons to our daily attendance.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Life Guarding Course, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, both group experiences and private lessons, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming is offered 4 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools, town schools and area boys and girls organizations continued to use the facility this past year.

The Teen Center continues to offer new programming which included such classes as; Music Lessons and Nature Walks. The Overnight Jr. Prom Party was a great success. In 2011 we will continue to offer cooking, tutoring, Safe Sitter Classes and Art Classes along with many of our returning favorites such as Theatre and a Day at the Beach.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches

and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission is committed to providing the highest quality services for our community and we are always looking for ways in which we can improve.

The Recreation Commission welcomes any and all community members to monthly meetings to assist us in our goal of providing the best recreational programs for our town.

At its regular meetings the Recreation Commission focused on revising Bylaws, which resulted in establishing a Field Fees Subcommittee. This involved working with sports and recreational organizations, the School Committee and the Department of Public Works to better serve the community. This subcommittee solicited information and advice from these town entities to work to better provide the best service for the people of Belchertown.

The Recreation Commission welcomed two new full commissioners and one new associate member. The Commission includes: Megan Manitsas, Chairman; Karen Corey, Vice Chair; Lisa Gustafson, Secretary; Kelly Harris;

Andrew French; Edward Sokolowski; Shannon Synan; and Yosef Nimni, associate member.

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board met monthly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, assuming there was business to conduct.

Members starting the year included Sharon Riley, Kelly Flynn, Katharine Higgins-Shea, Simon James, and Richard Fritsch. Kelly Flynn left the Board in June 2010.

The following miscellaneous actions were acted upon:

The Personnel Board reviewed and interpreted Town of Belchertown By-Law Chapter 91-6 (b) (2) (c) and recommendations were made on leave policy. A new form was created for employees who request to accumulate vacation leave beyond their anniversary date.

The Board reviewed requests to allow the following employees to carry over excess vacation:

Francis Fox	Mary Ratell
Steve Williams	Bill Korzenowski
Cathy LeBlond	Cheryl Mailloux
Ann Pittsley	Audrey LePage

The Board reviewed and classified the following position description:

- Administrative Secretary to the Chief of Police/Dispatch Supervisor

- Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Dispatcher/Clerk/Emergency Telecommunications Dispatcher
- Firefighter/EMT

The Board reviewed and changed the position names of:

- Police Dispatcher to Police and Fire Signal Operator
- Senior Police Dispatcher to Senior Police and Fire Signal Operator
- Administrative Secretary to the Chief to Administrative Secretary to the Chief Head Police and Fire Signal Operator

Open meeting law was reviewed and discussed.

The Board approved the request to place the new Elder Nutrition Program Administrator, Laura Wagner, in Grade 6, Step 3 based on her extensive past experience.

The Board reviewed four part-time positions to be incorporated into the Personnel By-Law.

Respectfully submitted,

Personnel Board Members
Richard Fritsch
Katharine Higgins-Shea
Simon James
Sharon Riley

Planning Board

In 2010, the Planning Board initiated and pursued several zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan: The Planning Board worked to implement the recommendations of the 2009 Community Plan in multiple ways:

The Planning Board conducted a comprehensive revision of the site plan section of the zoning bylaw.

The Planning Department coordinated and supported training for town departments in the town's geographic information system and project tracking software.

The Planning Department assisted in the town's Massachusetts Green Community application.

The Planning Department provided assistance to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.

The Planning Department submitted the state's Commonwealth Capital application.

The Planning Department assisted the conservation department's successful LAND grant application to receive \$500,000 for preserving the Holland Glen forest.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Twelve new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

• Barton Avenue	5
• Allen Road	1
• Bardwell Street	1
• Hamilton Street	1
• Rockrimmon Road	1
• South Liberty Street	1
• Warner Street	1
• West Street	1
• Total Lots	12

The Planning Board monitored 17 subdivisions under construction during 2010. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work during the slow real estate market, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

Other Development Reviews

The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan reviews:

- Clubhouse for the proposed golf course along Chauncey Walker Road.
- An auto repair shop on Bridge Street. This application was withdrawn after extensive review.
- Dwight Chapel on Old Amherst Road.
- A second office building added to an existing business property on Bridge Street.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Zone Changes

The Planning Board heard two zone change petitions. Both were approved by town meeting. One was to change parts of the EDIC's property (the State School

campus) from Agricultural to Limited Business or Light Industrial to correspond to property lines; the other was to change 5 Bay Road from Rural Residential to Limited Business.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Planning Board's web site linked via the town hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the planning office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town

Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Town Planner is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the advisory board of the Citizen Planners' Training Collaborative.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2011);
- Christopher Laurenzo, (term expires: 2012);
- Louis Faassen, Vice Chair (term expires: 2013);
- James Natle, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2014)
- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2015)
- Mark Andrews, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (appointed annually).

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary;
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson,
Town Planner

Police Department

The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive and diligent to the residents of Belchertown in 2010, providing quality professional services to the Belchertown community with limited resources and budgetary restraints.

Our Dispatch Center received 13,480 calls for services; we received 1568 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 264 arrests and 127 criminal complaints for a total of 840 incidents. Officers issued 847 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 269 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department remains proactive and continues to embrace the community policing philosophy as our department's model of policing, offering several community based-policing programs. The programs include the RAD, radKIDS programs, DARE, and police bike patrol programs, Neighborhood Watch and the Triad program through our local Seniors and Law Enforcement working together group (S.A.L.T) through the Belchertown Senior Center.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Belchertown Police Department continues to assign a

full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high school assisting staff and students, providing security and school based education to students, faculty and staff. This initiative has been met with great success. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within are school district and through this cooperation continues to keep this valuable position in place . The DARE curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; the Police Department and the School Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs and violence.

Belchertown Police Officers continue to teach the RAD and radKIDS programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior women so they could receive classroom credit for the program. The radKIDS program through the efforts of our School Department, Swift River Elementary School and the Police Department continues to offer this important program at the 2nd grade level with continued success.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our community's children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year and by

appointment. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Click It or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues in our community.

The Belchertown Police Department K-9 program continues to assist our proactive efforts in keeping the residences of Belchertown safe. With the efforts of Officer Adam Brougham and his Belgian Malino dog, Falco, this specialized effort continues to be important to the protection of our community and surrounding communities.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year saw a long time police officer leave our agency for retirement; Sergeant David Conkey retired in June 2010 after more than 35 years of police service to the community of Belchertown. We wish to thank him for his dedicated service to the Belchertown Police Department and wish him continued success and good health in his retirement years. Officer Steven Henn was appointed to the rank of Sergeant in September 2010 replacing Sergeant David Conkey.

The Belchertown Police Department hired two part time Emergency Police Dispatchers this past year. We would

like to welcome Michael Maiers and Maurice Lalumiere to our staff; they will assist us in our Emergency Police/EMS/Fire Dispatch operations.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women of the Belchertown Police Department who work so hard and diligently in our public safety mission to keep the residents of Belchertown safe.

Respectively submitted,

Francis R. Fox Jr.
Chief of Police

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Belchertown School District

Superintendent's Report: After a six month process of meeting with members of the administration and staff of the district as well as students, parents and community members, the results of my entry plan were presented to the School Committee in February, 2010. What I discovered through this process is that we are a community that is very proud of our schools. The results showed that people feel welcome, students feel safe, and that

our academic and extra-curricular programs are strong. Certain challenges were also noted: (1) technology – increased availability, updating to be more current with 21st century skills; (2) expectations to do more (addressing societal issues, increasing accountability for student achievement) with less (money, resources); (3) curriculum – moving forward to strong, standards-based curriculum in all areas; (4) equipping teachers with skills to address the needs of increasingly diverse student learners through opportunities for collaboration across the district; and (5) offering enrichment programs for students. These challenges are ones that will drive our work over the next few years. I have set two major goals with our staff in the academic area:

- To have guaranteed (standards-based), viable (accessible to every student), seamless K-12 curriculum in every content area by the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
- To have rigorous (standards-based), relevant (preparing for college and career), differentiated instructional practices (with the ability to access the global learning community via technology) available to every learner.

Over the past year, we have engaged all of our staff in curriculum and professional development opportunities toward this end. As 2011 unfolds we will continue on our quest to meet these goals.

Another major goal for our district is in the area of civility and safety: to have a policy in place and a plan to ensure that our students understand the importance of acceptance, tolerance, and respect

supported by all adults in the community by December 2010. I am pleased to report that we have met that goal as a result of the work of our Anti-Bullying Task Force: a group of 30 administrators, teachers, staff members, parents, students, and community representatives that met during the fall to write a district Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy and Plan. The plan was presented to the School Committee in December at a public hearing. Following the hearing, the Committee voted unanimously to adopt the policy and plan. It has been sent on to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for approval, as mandated by the new anti-bullying law. You may read the plan on our web site: www.belchertownps.org on the Anti-Bullying Task Force page. The work now begins to ensure that the policy and plan are fully implemented throughout the district.

The Personnel and Policy Subcommittee of the School Committee has embarked on an ambitious task of reviewing all of the district's policies. We have been working for over a year with a consultant from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to accomplish this goal and are very near the end of this arduous process. Members of the district administration have also participated in this review. The result will be an up-to-date set of policies that will be made available on our web site by the end of 2011. I am grateful to all of these people for the many hours of time and effort spent reviewing the policies and making necessary changes.

This past year was a challenging budget year for the Belchertown Public Schools.

We have been fortunate to have the assistance of some federal stimulus money to help fill in gaps where state aid has left us short. The slow economic recovery will continue to present challenges as we move forward through fiscal 2011 and on to fiscal 2012.

On June 23, 2010, we lost our Business Manager, Michael Krzystofik, after a heroic 3-year battle with cancer. Mr. Krzystofik was a beloved friend and colleague whose 12 years in the district were spent ensuring that we could provide a high-quality education to our students during times of rapid population growth and financial challenges. He provided oversight to new and renovated buildings, as well as our transportation and food service operations. Belchertown's School Committee and staff were well represented at his funeral. We also celebrated his life at a memorial service on July 1, 2010 at Belchertown High School, with tributes by School Committee members, past and present administration, and representatives of the Massachusetts School Business Officials, of which he was a member.

After Mr. Krzystofik's passing, we contracted with The Management Solution to provide business services for the district. Mr. Andrew Paquette, President, and Mr. Edward Dunn, Senior Educational Consultant, are our onsite representatives. They were able to step in during a very difficult period and make a seamless transition into a new budget year. I am grateful to both of them for their efforts in helping us move forward into fiscal year 2011. We are now working with them to prepare for fiscal 2012.

Two other administrative changes took effect in 2010. First was the realization of a full-time principal for Cold Spring School. In the past, this school has been served by part-time administrators, but the needs of our students as they begin their school careers warranted more administrative focus. Ms. Sandra Bremer now serves as the full-time principal of the school and part-time Director of Elementary Curriculum. Her background as an early childhood specialist is the perfect fit for the needs of the school and she has been doing an excellent job serving in this capacity. We also welcomed Mr. Desi Vega as the new assistant principal at Belchertown High School. Mr. Vega replaced Mr. Michael Richard, who moved on to become the principal of West Springfield High School. Mr. Vega came to us from the Hampshire Regional School District and has proven to be a good fit for our high school staff and students.

We received \$43,420.00 in the form of two Community Preservation Act grants to continue our work in developing the Foley Field and Lake Wallace area into a usable space for active and passive recreation as well as for educational purposes. More work has been done to bring the plan to fruition for Little League and multi-purpose fields and work is underway to turn the trails surrounding Lake Wallace into a self-guided nature walk for students and community members alike. A \$2,500.00 grant from the Belchertown Land Trust has been instrumental in making the latter project a reality. We have also partnered with the Environmental Studies program at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, enlisting the help of two senior

students who will be helping us with examining environmental issues as the focus of their senior theses during the winter and spring of 2011.

The Belchertown and Ware Public Schools have partnered together and received a \$70,000.00 competitive grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to bring interactive technologies into the district that can help us increase student achievement in the areas of reading and mathematics. Twenty-seven grant applications were submitted and ours was one of eleven that were funded through a federal program designed to enhance instruction through technology. We look forward to purchasing some new equipment and training teachers in its use so our students will benefit from increased access to the global learning community while improving their reading and mathematics skills. The collaborative nature of this project will also provide an opportunity for teachers from both districts to share best practices regarding the integration of technology into classroom instruction.

These are exciting times as we move ahead with these goals and initiatives. Our challenge is to “stay the course” in light of present and future financial constraints with our eyes on the giving our students the high-quality education they need to be productive citizens in the twenty-first century. I am blessed to have a deeply committed School Committee, a phenomenal Leadership Team, fabulous teachers and staff members, caring parents and community members, and the best students in western Massachusetts! I

look forward to our continued partnership as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Judith C. Houle
Superintendent of Schools

Special Education Director's Report:

The district went through a coordinated program review in the fall of 2010. This review focused on the district's ability to meet state guidelines for students who have disabilities, receive Title I services, and/or speak English as a second language. The review also focused on compliance in the area of civil rights. The district received a report in April, 2010 that indicated areas of need and responded with additional oversight plans to help ensure compliance with all regulations.

One of the biggest changes for this year was the move toward using a dedicated internet system to monitor the individual needs and progress for all students who have disabilities, receive Title I services, and/or speak English as a second language. This change allowed services to be provided more quickly and provided access to information in a timelier manner for staff and administrators.

The department continued to refine the services provided for students by working with building-based administrative and guidance teams to determine what types of programs would be needed for each building. These teams also worked to determine additional materials and other supports that might be needed for the up-coming

year. This is a practice that is conducted every year in order to ensure that all students in Belchertown are provided with a free and appropriate public education.

The Special Education Parents' Advisory Council hosted several evening events featuring speakers on topics such as: "What is ADHD", "Parents' Rights", and "Turning 22". These events were open to the public and were attended by parents, staff, and community members.

As in past years, the efforts of the dedicated staff and administrators of the school district ensured that the "continuum of services" works for all of our students.

Cold Spring School (CSS) Principal's Report:

Cold Spring School had a very productive 2010 school year. Proudly, we promoted 178 kindergartners to first grade at Swift River Elementary School at the end of June.

On July 1, 2010, Sandra Bremer was appointed to be the principal of Cold Spring School Early Childhood Center for the 2010-2011 school year. Many new and exciting changes have resulted from that appointment. First, two secretarial positions were created for the main office. These positions were filled by two highly qualified and experienced individuals, Maureen Ryan and Susan Pelletier. Second, a new School Council was formed to solely represent Cold Spring School as outlined in the 1993 Education Reform Act. The following individuals were elected to fill the newly created roles: Myndi Bogdanovich, co-chair parent representative; Sandra Bremer, co-chair/principal; Jason

Menard, parent representative; Louise Butler, teacher representative; Elizabeth Moynihan, teacher representative; and Dawn French, community representative. Finally, the PTO took over many of the fundraising and community oriented activities as they assisted the C.S.S. faculty, staff and administration in establishing their own identity as a separate, self sustaining early childhood learning center. All personnel assigned to Cold Spring School are most grateful and appreciative for all the PTO's support and generosity in helping them to establish a safe, nurturing and child-centered environment that is friendly, fun-filled, and developmentally appropriate for the youngest learners within the community. The PTO officers are: Donna Tilton, Co-president; Dawn French, Co-president; Nicole Berlin, Treasurer; and Beth Knodler, Secretary.

We began the 2010-2011 school year with 199 kindergarteners and 22 preschool students. Everyone was extremely pleased with the above mentioned changes as it helped to foster a very **positive school culture**. The students eagerly participated in the annual Fall Walk-a-Thon as well as several relevant field trips allowing their classroom learning to be extended and enriched beyond the school setting.

The preschool and kindergarten team members at Cold Spring School have all participated in professional development courses and workshops to attain the status of "Highly Qualified" under the No Child Left Behind regulations. They hold early childhood licenses and are exceptional educators in their field of expertise. They continually seek new instructional

techniques and teaching strategies to keep their students engaged. Their goal is to collectively prepare these youngsters with the technological skills and 21st century resources along with the knowledge they will need to be productive and contributing members to society. It all starts here at Cold Spring School as we strive to provide them with the solid foundation that they will need to achieve social, emotional, physical and academic success!

Swift River Elementary School (SRE)

Principal's Report: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2010 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement and improving assessment and instruction through scientifically based researched programs. The total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School is 593 students.

We had several new staff join us in the fall to continue initiatives that began the previous year. We welcomed Cassie Fitzpatrick to our staff as the Language Learning Program teacher, Angela Regan as our new 2nd grade teacher and Lisa Hussey as our new 3rd grade co-taught special education teacher. In addition we have new staff in our Title I program Linda Furhmann and Meaghan Otto. New to our building but not to Belchertown Public Schools we welcome Susan DeTorrice as our office secretary. Last spring we had three retirements Ann Hollingworth, Deb Jacobson and Debra

Brunell. We all wish them well in their retirement.

In the Fall, teachers participated in several professional development opportunities attending the Technology Fair that involved an assortment of workshops to promote a better understanding of technology use within the classroom and professional learning communities. Other professional development focused on the Differentiated Instruction (DI) model, to better meet individual student needs. We continue to provide professional development opportunities for teachers and staff through the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT), consisting of district and school based administrators, lead teachers and the guidance department. The SRE ILT works in conjunction with the ILT from Cold Spring School and Chestnut Hill Community School to guide the direction of future professional development for all three schools.

Programs that continue to be a vital part of our school environment were the savings bank program for all grade levels, as well as an emphasis on character education through monthly award presentations. These programs instill a sense of responsibility within our students and help connect academics to real world experiences. Swift River Elementary School's fourth annual Family Art Night was also a huge success. SRE art teacher Cathy Keneally supervised this event with third grade students, their families, SRE teachers and staff, and other community members to adopt the SRE Community Garden complete with stepping stones,

scarecrows, vegetable signs and many other creative ideas. Math Night, held in the spring for second grade parents and students organized by the Title I staff and conducted by SRE teachers, was a complete success. Through the spring and fall we continue to offer a series of parent workshops designed to provide resources to parents on a variety of topics such as attention difficulties, safe touch, anxiety, and parenting through stress. This series was offered by the guidance department at SRE in conjunction with doctoral students in the Clinical Psychology program at UMASS and the PTO. The Parent/Teacher Organization has been instrumental in offering game nights and movie nights in tandem with the parent workshop series to allow parents time to attend workshops. We continue to use volunteers as a vital part of supporting students and teachers within classrooms and ancillary duties that aid the needs of our school building.

We have instituted a badge identification system so all adults within the school building must wear visible identification so they are easily identified to students and other adults. This is in conjunction with our safety goals found in our SRE School Improvement Plan.

In order to promote student achievement, increase time on learning, and provide equity throughout each grade level, several scheduling changes were put into action. We have extended time within each grade level to focus on English Language Arts and Mathematics with the addition of intervention blocks. Intervention blocks are used to give time each day to differentiate instruction by providing a scope of teaching involving

remediation to skill extensions for the purpose of meeting students at their need level.

In the spring of 2010, the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards ceremony was held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. We were proud to have one member of our faculty, Matt Baker (Physical Education Teacher) as a recipient of this prestigious award.

With advice and assistance from the CSS/SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2010 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Sharon Marean, teacher representative; Beth Knodler, parent representative; Anna Marques, parent representative; Jennifer Torna, community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives. We have reached several of our goals outlined in the SRE School Improvement Plan and look forward to continued success into the future.

Intermediate School (CHCS)

Principal's Report: Chestnut Hill Community School continued with its belief that all students can learn. Each is an individual deserving recognition for his or her special talents. By teaching the necessary knowledge and skills, through the use of differentiated instruction and individualized learning strategies, and

with the support of family, the dedicated staff strives to educate every child to be academically successful, a socially responsible citizen, and a life-long learner.

In the spring of 2010, all third grade students from Swift River Elementary School took part in a "Move up Day". The students met with administration, the school counselor, toured the building, and took part in a question and answer session with fourth grade students to help their transition from third to fourth grade.

Also in the spring, over one hundred Chestnut Hill Community School students took part in a school wide production, "History Lessons", which was written, produced, and directed by Stephen Walkowicz and Joshua Guerraz. The students also took part in Chestnut Hill Community School's second annual book drive where the students and staff donated over 2400 books that were delivered to The Department of Children and Families to be distributed to needy children. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Welch agreed to dress in costume if we collected more than 1800 books, which we accomplished. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Welch dressed up as Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat. Also, during the winter of 2010, Chestnut Hill Community School students took part in sending holiday cards and care packages to our military troops.

During the fall of 2010, Chestnut Hill Community School welcomed new talented educators to the existing faculty. New faculty members, including those hired as the results of a leave of absence were: Lori Erickson, fourth grade teacher

and Melissa Croteau, Language Learning Program Teacher.

Much of our faculty's time and energy continued to be focused on improving teaching and learning. Members of the faculty have taken part in a number of initiatives that have already been implemented including the following:

1. An ambitious curriculum process that has teachers at all grade levels collaborating on writing K-12, seamless standards based curriculum in all content areas. English Language Arts and Mathematics are our top priorities in the process.
2. District-wide professional development focus designed to equip our faculty with the best instructional tools necessary to meet the ever increasing diversity of learners in our classrooms.
3. All special education students who were transitioning from Swift River Elementary School to Chestnut Hill Community School received this past summer, and will continue to receive next summer, individualized programs to help decrease their skill deficits.

Chestnut Hill Community School has continued to use MCAS data to pose questions to faculty regarding how we are doing and what we can do to continue to improve student achievement.

Co-taught inclusion classrooms continue to be a necessity in effectively meeting the needs and special needs of all students in the classroom. Each inclusion classroom has two teachers who plan strategies and special designed

instruction to meet the various needs of all students.

In May, Mrs. Suzanne Dudley was awarded the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom and volunteer activity. Mrs. Suzanne Dudley was certainly most deserving of this award!!!

Chestnut Hill Community School continues to be actively involved with its very successful student savings bank program at all grade levels. The banking program was designed to help students learn the value of saving money.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2010 year were the general efforts and contributions gained from our Parent/Citizen Volunteer Program and Grandparent Program that encompassed all grade levels. Many dedicated and hardworking faculty and students took part in productions/field trips such as the Holiday Concert, The Veterans' Day Concert, DARE Graduation, Nature's Classroom, Arbor Day celebrations and the Multi-Band Concert.

All accomplishments of Chestnut Hill Community School were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty,

staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who help to make 2010 an exceptional year!

Middle School (JBMS) Principal's

Report: Our annual challenge is to successfully transition our students from the intermediate level of instruction to the secondary level, and in two short years, prepare our students for the demands and challenges of the high school environment. A team teaching model, designed to foster a student centered educational environment, continued at Jabish Brook Middle School through 2010 to meet this challenge.

Jabish Brook Middle School's annual events included the National Geographic Geography Bee in January; Pathfinder and Belchertown High School enrollment information sessions in February; "March Madness" Spirit Week, the Spring Concert was performed by the JBMS Band/Chorus, and MCAS testing began in March; our MCAS assessment was completed in April; and the musical production of "Alice in Wonderland" was held in May. June ends the school year with final exams, our annual class trips to Lake Compounce, as well as our Eighth Grade Celebration and Aloha dance held at BHS to symbolize our students' transition to the high school. Although June ends the school year for our students, we prepare our incoming sixth grade students by inviting them for a tour of our building, referred to as our "Step-up" Day.

Preparations for the new school year are completed throughout the summer months, and students gain their first

experience for the school year with our Student Orientation session held in August. MCAS testing results received in August continued to show that JBMS students compared favorably with students throughout the state. September began our second year of an aligned daily schedule with the high school. This schedule alignment was implemented as a first step in the hopes to work more cooperatively with the high school environment to share resources and provide academic opportunities to both secondary schools. October brought our first "Spirit Week" activities for the school year, including participation in Red Ribbon Drug Awareness activities, and our first school dance for all middle school students. Nearly 350 students were in attendance at our first dance, and chaperones included faculty, staff, and PTO parents. November and December provided an opportunity for our students to be involved in community activities, including support for local food, clothing and toy drives over the holiday season.

The JBMS After-School Program provided enrichment activities and academic support to our middle school students through 2010. Financial resources from outside the school budget were required to support this valuable program. The after school program continued to provide academic activities such as Mathletes, MCAS testing practice, German language instruction, and homework club, as well as enrichment activities, including our theatrical musical production, piñata-making, gaming club and cooking. Attendance rates have shown the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS provided popular and productive

activities for our students. Our enrollment in these activities continues to be nearly 50% of our student population participating in at least one activity sometime during the school year.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of middle school students. The success of our team teaching model, coupled with the support of our faculty, our students, our parents and the community provided for another successful year through 2010 at Jabish Brook Middle School.

It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

High School (BHS) Principal's Report:

2010 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. Belchertown High School students and faculty continue to bring great pride to the community. Belchertown High School is an educational community that fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

We began the New Year working with Belchertown CAN (Community Aid Network). We donated 833 items to their initiative. The Class of 2012 contributed 81 items, the Class of 2013 contributed 136 items, the Class of 2011 contributed 272 items, and the Class of 2010 contributed 344 items. Special thanks to Mrs. Aponte, our Belchertown CAN liaison, for all of her assistance. Special thanks to Mr. Kenneson for counting and transporting all of the items!

In late January, Project Runway proved to be another huge success thanks to Mrs. Teixeira, Ms. St. Pierre, and members of the National Art Honor Society, and the designers and models. It was a wonderful evening and the talent that was displayed was amazing!

Tyler Keefe, Omri Nimni, Katie Delude, and Josh Smigelski represented Belchertown High School very well on As Schools Match Wits – the country's longest running high school quiz show. Coached by Mr. Stephen Vigneux, the team defeated their opponent in a great match.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Katherine Dougherty as an award recipient for 2010. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Katie, her parents, and other Western Massachusetts recipients. Katie Dougherty is an outstanding young woman who certainly made a difference during her time at Belchertown High School. Katie's contributions to our academic program, the Humanities Club, and our softball program were significant. Katie

Dougherty definitely left her mark at Belchertown High School.

Congratulations to Student Council and especially Lianne Messier for organizing the first ever Volleyball Tournament Lock In! A fabulous time was had by two hundred students and thirty chaperones. Special thanks to Mr. Murray, Ms. Tsoumas, Mr. Richard, Mrs. Keefe, Mr. Koziol, Officer Krol, Mr. and Mrs. Messier, Mr. and Mrs. Auffrey, Mr. Poulin, Mrs. Presnal, Mrs. Leighton, Mrs. Aponte, Ms. Aponte, Mrs. Adam, Ms. Deady, Mrs. Bachand, Mr. Lavoie, Mrs. Norden, Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Anziano, Mr. Lowe, Mrs. Beech, Mrs. Foley, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Beaupre, Mrs. Dzialo, Mr. Quirk, Mrs. Burton, and Mr. Kenneson for their assistance throughout the lock-in. Our students demonstrated outstanding behavior and good sportsmanship throughout the evening and the morning!

On Saturday, June 5th, the Class of 2010 graduated from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Mr. Stephen Vigneux delivered the commencement address and shared with the Class of 2010 the novelty and the necessity of that greatest of all human faculties: imagination. Other speeches were given by Mr. Tyler Keefe, president of the class, who asked his classmates to be responsible citizens who will productively contribute to society. Ms. Katherine Dougherty, valedictorian, complimented her classmates on their intelligence and the versions of brilliance displayed amongst them, and Ms. Kaitlyn

Burdick, salutatorian of the class, who asked her classmates to reflect upon their many years together from kindergarten to high school. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2010. Over \$400,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Wednesday, September 1st, 790 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. It was standing room only in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium as the Belchertown High School Community welcomed Mr. Desi Vega, our new assistant principal. We also welcomed Ms. Regina Lopez and Ms. Joanna Tsoumas, our new teachers in the English and Special Education Departments.

Our fall athletic teams enjoyed great success during the season. The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team was crowned Western Massachusetts champions. The Girls' Varsity Cross Country team qualified for the State Tournament for the first time ever in school history.

In October, Dr. Houle recognized Tim Alix, Mia Archambault, Mariah Beeman, Brad Bensch, Rose Berger, Valerie Bertsch, Olivia Blais, Kelsey Bosselait, Michael Bousquet, Britiany Browning, Dan Clevenger, Rob Comeau, Lauren Conkey, Nate Conner, Nicole Croke, Katelyn Daly, Nick Desantis, Cara

Detour, Andrew Drawec, Lara Dulchinos, Alex Dzialo, Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Serena Forrest, Lindsey Fuller, Ryan Gohra, Mel Goodberlet, Tyler Greeley, Aaron Griffin, Kyle Hancock, Shannon Hughes, Julia Kozlik, Derek Lavigne, Taylor Lewis, Trevor Lowe, James Lucey, Bryanne Macdonald, Amanda Major, Jordan McConnell, Brianna Mirabile, Matt Mueller, Daryl Olson, Ashley Paradis, Stephen Popowich, Kaitlyn Quirk, Katherine Rice, Amanda Richard, Nicole Riel, Kathleen Riley, Alexia Ronnau, Noah Scudere-Weiss, Katelyn Sheridan, Zach Smith, Emmalee Spellman, Peter Spotts, Samuel Stephens, Alexis Stockwell, Maria Stratton, Chloe Stroman, Matthew Suzor, Ian Sypek, Kyle Walker, and Alexandra Weigel on being named John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients for their outstanding scores on the MCAS.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Selectman, George Archible posted the colors. Specialist Perry, brother-in-law to Louis Curto and uncle of Laura Freeman, served as our guest speaker and discussed the importance of Veterans' Day in his life. Specialist Perry's comments were very moving and inspiring to all of us in attendance. At the end of the ceremony, the Belchertown High School Community was reminded to take some time out of their day to remember our veterans both living and dead and all military personnel at home and abroad. They were told that these remarkable individuals were to be honored and recognized not only on Veterans' Day but every day for protecting our country and liberating millions of people around the world from

the threats of tyranny and terror. Men and women like Specialist Perry, Corporal Archible, Chief Master Sergeant Akins, Sgt First Class Wheeler, and Specialist Faulkins (all of whom were in attendance at this ceremony) inspired our nation with their courage, compassion and dedication. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz and Student Council, especially Laura Freeman, for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Mrs. Boysen, the Symphony Band, Ms. Comstock, the Choir, Dr. Houle, Matt Latanzi, and Peter Spotts for their musical contributions.

As part of our district's K-12 effort to address curriculum, a four-year curriculum-writing/reviewing cycle has been adopted. At Belchertown High School, the first departments included in this effort have been English, Foreign Language, Technology, and Library Media Services. This process involves the discussion and sharing of student work and results of student assessments as an integral part of the curriculum development and writing process. All of these departments have been working very hard throughout the year in order to ensure that our students receive a guaranteed and viable curriculum and that they are prepared as 21st century scholars and citizens.

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2010 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these

wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are creating new traditions, carrying on the old traditions, and looking forward to continuing to capture many wonderful memories at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Superintendent, Dr. Judith Houle, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. At the November 2010 state election, incumbents Michael Cavanaugh (Palmer) and Barbara Ray (Ware) were re-elected. Having previously been appointed to fill vacancies, William E. Johnson (Granby), Lorraine Alves (Belchertown), and Andrew Jaffee (Monson) were elected to four-year terms. Voters also chose Julie Quink who succeeds Robert Dupuis from Hardwick. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

CURRICULUM: Pathfinder students have continued to demonstrate improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The combined number of students who scored in the "Advanced" category rose slightly from our numbers from last year (26%-

32%). 93% of the sophomores passed the English portion during the March testing period, and 86% passed the Mathematics portion. 87% the sophomores passed the Science and Technology. These results clearly reflect the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS performance.

Pathfinder has continued in its commitment to increase the rigor of the academic offerings for students. The introduction of an honors curriculum for all academic areas began during the 2009-2010 school year with honors-level courses being offered in English, Mathematics, Science, History, and Spanish for ninth grade students. In each of the next three years, honors courses in all of these areas will be added to the curriculum, including the introduction of Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the junior and senior level.

Another addition to the curriculum during 2010 was an intensive, computerized reading program. Incoming ninth grade students with reading deficiencies as identified by standardized testing conducted by Pathfinder staff are assigned to one of two levels of the program as an alternative to ninth grade English. This program has shown impressive results in districts throughout the country as students have been able to show gains of up to three years' improvement in their reading level after just one year in the program.

A course in CPR was an exciting addition to the ninth grade curriculum for the 2010-2011 year. Students in ninth grade

will rotate through three trimester courses, including Health and PE in addition to the CPR course.

The School's affiliations with area hospitals and health care facilities continued to provide positive learning experiences for the students, and the expansion of the program has proven to be very successful.

MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- Automotive technology students performed maintenance services on the Palmer Police Department's D.A.R.E. cruiser.
- Auto Collision Technology students and their instructors continued to organize and run the annual Pathfinder Car Show. This event is held on Pathfinder grounds and benefits the *Skills USA* program at Pathfinder.
- Auto Reconditioning students continued to provide services for police, highway, fire and water districts in member towns.
- Building Services students continued to provide regular maintenance services at Pathfinder and at the local Chamber of Commerce.
- Cosmetology students have been going to the Hawthorne House in Ware on a monthly basis to provide a "Spa Day" for residents. Students gave hair cuts, manicures and styled hair. They provided the same services on occasion at the Palmer Senior Center.
- Culinary Arts students continued to prepare food for the Elderly Lunch Program at Pathfinder. Instructors and students continued to provide

food and dining services for local and civic groups in the Pathfinder Tea Room.

- Machine Technology students manufactured metal stakes for veterans' grave markers for the VFW. They also manufactured and mounted the letters for the town of Oakham on the Pathfinder sign along Route 181 that lists the member towns.
- Electrical students performed services at Quaboag Regional High School in Warren.
- Once again, Electronics Technology students and instructors along with school staff hosted the state "F.I.R.S.T." Robotics competition. The Pathfinder Team won two awards-- the *Innovate Award* and the *Inspire Award*. The *Inspire Award* is the most prestigious award and earned the Pathfinder team a spot in the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship Event in Atlanta, Georgia in April. The Pathfinder team placed 20th in their division. There were 1190 teams from around the world competing for three days.
- Office Business students produced booklets for the town of New Braintree, printed raffle tickets for the Palmer "Zonta" organization, tickets for the Belchertown Boy Scouts troop and produced Farmers' Market booklets for the Three Rivers Amvets organization.

The School's Cooperative Education Program allows eligible seniors and juniors, in the second half of the school year, to receive a paid career-related job experience *in lieu* of attending their vocational program at the school. This "real world" opportunity allows them to

improve upon their previously established work ethics and basic skills. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned a fair wage and were exposed to a wide array of technical experiences. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance with their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. To be considered and remain in the program, students must demonstrate above average grades, attendance, and discipline.

The down economy continues to make student placement difficult. 2010 has shown some recovery in the building trades. The school was able to place two carpentry, three HVAC and one electrical student. In total, 16 students participated in the program. The senior graduates accounted for 13 of these placements. After graduation 7 students were hired as full time employees. Three juniors were placed by the end of the school year and continued employment through the summer on a full time basis.

Pathfinder is committed to providing our students with this invaluable "real world" experience and will continue to work with the area businesses to find placement opportunities

STUDENT BODY: Pathfinder's enrollment as of October 1, 2010 totaled 635 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 92; Granby 19; Hardwick 17; Monson 90; New Braintree 8; Oakham 14; Palmer 193; Ware 91; and Warren 53. The remaining students were

residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from Ludlow (29) and West Brookfield (11) respectively. The 635 figure in October represents a decrease of 26 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2009.

The Guidance Office, which also serves as the Admissions Office, received 290 applications for September, 2010 admission. Of the applications received, 267 represented applicants for the 180 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Parents of students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. In October and November, Pathfinder's Guidance Department visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. In late November, an evening Open House event was held for 5th-8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest.

In addition to the fall events, each winter 8th graders who are interested are invited to attend a field trip with their school counselor to visit Pathfinder and experience a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. This year a larger number of students participated in

these tours than the previous year. The summer Youth Enrichment Program continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's newly designed website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process. A copy of the application can be downloaded and printed.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are

awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end-of-the-year drawing for prizes such as music systems and gift cards. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts, assistance from the school committee, as well as generous donations from local businesses. Recently, many faculty members have become involved by providing classroom incentives and rewards for Renaissance card holders.

At the 24th Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Desiree Fernandes of Granby represented Pathfinder. Desiree, a student in the Computer Programming and Web Development program, was ranked at the top of her graduating class and was named class valedictorian. With a cumulative GPA of 3.96, Desiree consistently earned high honors and Renaissance Gold Card recognition and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and excellence in culinary arts and academic studies, including excellence awards for chemistry, pre-calculus, global issues, and psychology. Desiree also received the Presidential Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance in Computer Programming and Web Development.

Desiree planned to attend Champlain College in the Fall.

Amber Ingalls of Ware was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the 2010 Massachusetts Vocational Association's Student Achievement Award. Amber is a graduate of Pathfinder's Computer Assisted Drafting program, receiving that department's top award in her senior year. Academically she received awards for outstanding achievement in English, chemistry, psychology, and Holocaust Studies. Amber will be attending Springfield Technical Community College in the Fall.

Other students receiving special awards include Kelsey Masse of South Hadley who received the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Association Academic Award for Excellence, Benjamin Manning of Palmer who received the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association Student Achievement Award, and Jarrett Sumwalt of Wales who received the Worcester Telegram and Gazette Student Achievement Award. Two Pathfinder students--Christine Kandrotas of Ware and Kyle Simard of Thorndike-- received the US Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award.

On June 5, 2010, the graduating class of 145 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 63% of the graduates have plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, about 18 % planned to enter the workforce, while 5% had made commitments to serve in the military.

Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Additionally, seniors successfully participated in the Early College program offered through one of the local community colleges.

Over \$150,000 in scholarships was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2010. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

ANNUAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

REPORT: Student activities for the year are highlighted below in a month-by-month summary:

- The month of February brought the second of three blood drives during which 61 pints of blood were donated to the American Red Cross. Students in the Health Occupations Program assisted donors during the day.
- February also featured the annual Robotics Competition during which Pathfinder's team won two prestigious awards, one of which earned them the right to attend the world championship event in Atlanta where they placed 20th, ranking them in the top 2% nationwide.
- March brought the *Skills USA* competitions at McCann Technical

School during which 14 students won gold, silver, or bronze medals in their respective technical areas at the district level. Ten of the 14 subsequently went on to compete at the state level.

- During the month of April, another blood drive was held. Two seniors who had been active participants for all four years earned \$500 scholarships from Bob's Furniture Stores.
- The month of May saw the traditional end-of-year events, including the Senior Banquet held at the school with free buffet, dance, and entertainment for the Class of 2010. The Academic and Vocational Awards Night took place on May 13th, with the Junior Prom being held the following night at Ludlow Country Club.
- Graduation on a warm Friday evening highlighted the month of June. The program for the ceremony is described elsewhere in this report.
- The start of a new school year in September saw elections for each set of class officers. September was again the month for the popular Car Show sponsored by *Skills USA* in order to raise funds for their upcoming competitions.
- The sophomore class held their annual "ring breakfast" sponsored by Balfour at which time students received their class rings. An "Open Mike" night was held on October 27th, and several students showcased their talents in poetry, music, and dance. A Halloween Dance was sponsored by the senior class late in the month.

- Another blood drive was held in December. Prior to the school vacation and the holidays, a student assembly was held featuring a magic show preview by History Teacher Mark Thompson, volleyball competitions, music, movie and/or board game competitions in the cafeteria.

ATHLETICS: Pathfinder had over 200 students participate in various athletic programs. Football and boys' soccer showed a slight increase in participation, while other programs remained constant. There was, however, a slight decrease in freshman participation.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR INCLUDE:

- The varsity softball team qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The boys' varsity soccer team qualified for the State Vocational Soccer Tournament where they eventually lost in the finals.
- The boys' varsity soccer team qualified for the Western Mass. Soccer Tournament.
- The football team dramatically turned around from a one win season in 2009, to 8-3 and qualified for the Western Mass. Super Bowl Playoffs.
- Josh Sikorski was named the Division III boys' most valuable player by the Western Mass. Soccer Officials' Association.

- The following students were named to the *Republican's* All Scholastic First Team in their respective sports:
 - Football: Jake Belanger, Nick Templeman, Greg Pobieglo
 - Boys' Soccer: Ruben Williams-Rollins
 - Softball: Megan Maska, Jessyllyn Guyer
 - Baseball: Tylor Richardson
- Brad Landry and Jessilyn Guyer were chosen as The Outstanding Senior Athletes for the school year.

SPECIAL SERVICES: During 2010, the Special Education Department continued to demonstrate its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department continued to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of *all* learners in grades 9-12 and to the students previously enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Given the results of the District's Coordinated Program Review, the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is now fully implemented. Pathfinder no longer has a *formalized* program called MVIP. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses

on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are subject to fulfilling the same requirements to receive a high school diploma, and all students have access to all academic and vocational programs.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over two hundred and twenty-five (225) special needs students. The Department continued to be responsible for approximately fifty (50) students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

The Department includes fifteen (15) academic or vocational professionally licensed instructors, nine (9) paraprofessionals, and one full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Adjustment Counselor, and Occupational Therapist.

Collaboration between special and general educators is not only essential; the 2004 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act* mandates this collaboration. Special educators must forge partnerships with general educators to create inclusive school environments for *all* students.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Source	Amount	Acquisitions/ Products
ARRA Emergency Stimulus Funds	\$226,728	Allocated toward employee health insurance costs
Pathfinder Booster Club	\$5,000	Vertimax Machine
Perkins	89,866	Supported CAD instructor's salary; On-site Westfield State College course; <i>Project Lead the Way</i> costs
Special Education Grant	\$226,910	Math and ELA Inclusion teacher; Evaluations, ESPED materials
Special Ed Improvement Grant	\$2,500	ELA Inclusion training
Special Ed – ARRA	\$84,936	Pilot <i>Understanding Your Disability and Taking Responsibility for Your Own Education</i> project; Fund SPED position
Title I – ARRA	\$44,867	Summer Transition Program, Further collaboration with Boston College on utilization of data.
Title I	\$152,459	ELA and Math Inclusion instructor. Shop week ELA tutor
Teacher Quality	\$29,647	Retain highly qualified staff member; provide support to teachers who are not yet designated “highly qualified.”
Technology	\$3,200	Renew Renaissance/Read 180 License for Reading Lab
WIA – Year Round	\$100,000	Provide meaningful summer jobs for 40 participants and year- round jobs for 4.
Academic Support	\$23,660	MCAS PREP and remediation for 30 Pathfinder 9th Graders
Safe and Drug Free	\$750	Train 2 instructors in MARC
Total	\$990,523	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program served over 125 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for three one-week sessions between July 12th and July 30th. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: auto body, automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, electronics, environmental

explorers, photography and web design, vex robotics, nursing, and culinary arts. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning with sports, games, or crafts in the afternoon.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to

the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance is required for completing the program. Fifteen academic courses were offered for grades 8 thru 12.

Additionally, a vocational summer school program, Related Theory, was offered during the month of August. The combined summer school enrollment included 150 students from 9 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF: With the exception of the restoration of one position in social studies, the number of faculty members remained essentially unchanged. In June, the school said farewell to retirees Richard Stinnette, Gerald Skaza, and Steven Stebbins.

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of three Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators

BUDGET AND FINANCE: The school committee adopted a FY11 budget of \$12,262,460, presenting a level-funded budget for the second consecutive year. All eight of the District's member communities subsequently approved their assessments. Consequently, the budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute.

The vulnerability of reimbursement for regional school transportation in the current economic climate was a continuing concern throughout the year. That concern was justified when the Governor made cuts of approximately 50% to that account. Fortunately, those funds were restored when the state's revenues improved toward the end of 2010. However, the prospect still remains for reduced regional transportation aid in FY11.

Additionally, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a concern for both the FY11 and FY12 fiscal years. In FY11, Pathfinder sustained a 2.9% decrease in its state aid which will be absorbed through reduced departmental spending. For FY12, state officials are predicting another 2% to 5% reduction in state aid which will again cause the need for budgetary restraint.

The following chart illustrates the FY11 assessments to each member community.

TOWNS	MINIMUM CONTRI- BUTION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	ADDITIONAL CONTRI- BUTION	SHARE OF REGULAR CAPITAL	TRANSPOR- TATION	TOTAL
Belchertown	503,773	69,014	187,036	9,430	54,697	823,950
Granby	147,340	7,668	50,550	2,549	14,783	222,890
Hardwick	98,768	7,668	42,968	2,166	12,565	164,136
Monson	563,636	53,678	224,949	11,342	65,784	919,388
New Braintree	47,847	0	15,165	765	4,435	68,212
Palmer	1,051,500	107,356	457,480	23,066	133,785	1,773,187
Ware	555,279	46,010	247,696	12,489	72,436	933,910
Warren	233,857	15,337	133,958	6,754	39,175	429,081
TOTALS:	3,202,000	306,730	1,359,803	68,561	397,660	5,334,754

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: The school committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

On January 3, 2011 Senator Brewer's office announced that Governor Patrick had signed Chapter 405 of the Acts of 2010, *An Act Validating Certain Proceedings of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District*, the provisions of which admitted the town of Oakham to the District retroactive to July 1, 2010.

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY12 fiscal picture will undoubtedly be as bad-- if not worse-- than FY11. Despite this bleak outlook, however, the challenge will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith C. Dudek, (Belchertown)
Lorraine F. Alves, (Belchertown)
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Andrew I. Jaffee, (Monson)
Duncan Stewart, (New Braintree)
David Droz, (Palmer)
M. Barbara Ray, (Ware)
Thomas Rugani, (Warren)

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director



Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works had a very busy, productive, and accomplished year. While working tirelessly trying to meet the challenges of a wide variety of issues on behalf of the Town and with less than adequate resources, the demands and expectations placed upon us continued to

expand. It was a year of transition and growth, as the Town was designated Green Community status in June, 2010. with the Department spearheading several campaigns on its mission towards saving the Town endless dollars while providing an energy overhaul in the most needed areas of our town's buildings, schools, vehicles, and operating systems. All in all, it was a most successful year as we continued to advance in a manner that is both appropriate and fiscally responsible. The Department is proud of the fact that our report reflects continued successes and several additional accomplishments throughout year 2010.

The Department applied for and received an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant of \$149,812 through the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) in order to complete a series of energy efficiency measures at Lawrence Memorial Hall. This achievement requires two years of inventory and compiled energy data for all municipal facilities all of which establishes a baseline to evaluate the effectiveness of conservation measures.

The Department of Public Works teamed up with a company called the Siemens Building Technologies Inc., an independent energy auditing company retained on behalf of the Town to conduct an Investment Grade Audit. This type of audit is designed to detect energy loss within each town owned building and identify areas of improvement the Town would like to improve upon. Ultimately, this reporting provided a detailed compilation of overall energy loss and evaluations of these buildings. Through this viable reporting, the Department was

able to identify where actual dollars could be saved and should be spent, hence investing in areas that are greatly needed and encompassing those projects, which would yield the highest return on their investment.

Additionally, the Department of Public Works also fielded the Model Fuel Efficiency Vehicle Policy, enacted on April 27th, 2010, and which requires the tracking of all town vehicles' monthly consumption of fuel (i.e. gas/diesel) from year 2008 to present. The Department continues to inventory all aspects of these energy efficient programs on a continual basis.

Once again, with the Department of Public Works in the driver seat, the Town approved and awarded on January 25th, 2010, the purchase and installation of an 1800 sq. ft. Solar Photovoltaic Array to be installed at the Belchertown Fire Station. The awarded contract went to Bask Power LLC, of Belchertown in the initial amount of \$28,888.89 with incentives and rebates from Ma. Residential Commonwealth Solar. The work began in February, 2010, with final installation in late May, 2010. One more step towards our town becoming a Greener community.

Moving into the areas of roadways and reconstruction, the ongoing planning and design efforts for several planned projects progressed, albeit slowly. The 25% design plans for the Three Rivers Road project were essentially put on hold so our efforts could be directed to the Route 181 reconstruction project and the design work for the reconstruction of the Main and Maple streets intersection - mentioned in more detail below. The Route 181 plans

advanced fully to the 75% phase and we continued to address comments provided by the Massachusetts Department.

The Department of Public Works continued to move forward planning the improvements at the Main Street/Maple Street/Jabish Street intersection. The Department's project request was approved by the Massachusetts Highway Department and our 75% design plans are currently under their review. On June 2, 2010, Mass DOT held an open public meeting at the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall for anyone wishing to express his or her concerns regarding this proposed project. All questions, comments and concerns were addressed by those who attended and the Department of Public Works remains hopeful that this project will see completion by end of year 2012, with the overall improvements to the Main Street/Maple Street/Jabish Street intersection operating more efficiently; hence providing a free-flowing traffic pattern through what was once an encumbered area.

The Department of Public Works reviewed 26 Stormwater Management applications in 2010. Working with the Conservation Commission, all permit applications must meet the requirements of the Town's Stormwater Management Regulations, and require review of submitted professional plans and design drawings along with disturbance calculations, site locus plans, amount of area disturbance and existing hydrology just to name a few.

Our Safety Committee was busy this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics

including: Blood born Pathogens, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, Right-to-know, Safety 101 (basic PPE), Driving/Snowplow operation, Respirators, and Winter Safety.

In the area of vehicles and equipment, in 2010 the Department reviewed its truck fleet pertaining to costs and vehicle repairs. It was determined that four of its vehicles, dating as far back as 1980 and consisting of three pickup trucks and one van, required extensive repairs and maintenance in which the Department determined to be non-beneficial to retain. Through a bidding process held in November 2010, all of these vehicles were successfully sold.

The following vehicles and equipment were in purchased/leased in 2010-2011:

- One Ford- F-350 Pick-Up truck - \$25,271.00- Leased/New
- A Skid-Steer Loader/Bobcat- \$18,623.00- New
- Three F-350 Pick-up trucks- \$72,813.00 – Leased/New
- 1-Ton Dump Body -\$6,286.29 – Installed/New
- A 1986 Eager Trailer-\$3,500 – Used

As mentioned above, the Department worked closely with several other town departments to fulfill program requirements to achieve Green Communities status from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The requirements consisted of five criteria that include the Town adopting an energy efficient vehicle replacement policy, an energy reduction plan, and the State's new Stretch Energy Building Code. The Town also met two of the five criteria with our existing as-of-

right zoning and expedited permitting process. The designation opened the door for the Department to jointly apply for a grant with the School Department to conduct energy efficiency measures within our respective buildings. The award, totaling \$160,917.00, will be used to partially fund our anticipated contract with Siemen's Building Technology Inc.

In Addition, the Department of Public Works received three BigBelly Solar Compactors in June 2010, as part of the Town's Green Community designation. These compactors are the size of regular trash receptacles, yet their capacity is five times greater. They are completely self-powered and use solar power for 100% of its energy needs. The Town of Belchertown was awarded these compactors according to its size and residency, as did several neighboring communities and were installed the week of July 22, 2010 at the following locations:

- Lawrence Memorial Hall (Town Hall), 2 Jabish Street
- Town Common, South Bus Stop – Park Street @ Jabish Street
- Town Common Phone Booth-Main Street @ Jabish Street

The Department's individual divisions also completed a variety of other projects that I will describe below:

Highway Division: The Highway Division's activities during the beginning of the year consisted of treating the roads with de-icing agents and plowing snow. From the beginning of January through the end of February a total of 12 storm events occurred leaving behind a total of

26 inches of snow and ice. The year was concluded in the same manner with five storm events beginning November 8th totaling 10.5 inches of accumulation.

During the 2009/2010 snow removal season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was \$4,854, approximately -4.4% lower than the 2008/2009 season (\$ 5,079). The total cost for the season: \$ 199,000.

The months between the snow seasons were spent performing the normal array of activities that included clearing vegetation from the roadsides, installing signs, cleaning catch basins, sweeping, line painting, repairing equipment, and preparing roads for resurfacing. In addition, the crew repaired potholes during ten months of the year, shoveling approximately 1,400 tons of blacktop. That's enough to pave a ten-foot wide strip an inch deep over four miles, which is double from 2009 (650 tons).

The Division was responsible for the following resurfacing/reclamation projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Ft.</u>
Allen Street	5315'
Park Street	2280'
Bay Road	8540'
Old Pelham Road	580'
South Main Street	1250'
George Hannum Road	330'
Gulf Road	700'
Sabin Street	650'
West Street	800'

The Highway Department continuously conducts yearly maintenance consisting of crack sealing, drainage repairs and clearing of brush and removal of accumulated silt in various detention basins throughout the town.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 115,600,000 gallons of wastewater this past year, significantly lower than what was received in 2009 (139,900,000 gallons). They also had 12 new connections during the year, nine of them were from within the new Tri-Lakes sewer system, and three came from the central area. This brings the total number of customers served up to 1,643 equivalent dwelling units.

This reduction in sewerage flow is in part due to an unusually dry late spring. From 2009 to 2010 they realized a 15 % decrease in annual rainfall, a 10.8 inch difference.

We also completed the fifth year of our ten-year inflow and infiltration mitigation plan that was adopted to identify areas, which are allowing groundwater to enter the collection system. During 2010 activities included, visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and flow monitoring.

This past year we were able to repair some previously identified problem areas along the East Walnut section of sewer as well as and an area on our South End Sewer System. These repairs should reduce our infiltration and also our facility operating costs.

Transfer Station: The Town's Hamilton Street Transfer Station said farewell to our long-time Supervisor, Joe Michalak, who retired after 22 years of service. Looking towards the future, the Department welcomed Leonard Russell as our new Transfer Station Supervisor as of July 8th, 2010.

A total of 1,647 households participated in our disposal/recycling program and the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated:

- 439.13 tons of commingled containers, paper and cardboard
- 1,400 gallons of waste
- 312 tires
- 772.15 tons of solid waste
- 17.29 tons of electronics
- 62.99 tons of scrap steel
- 11.9 tons of textile

Please note that our quantities went down this year. This is attributed to the overall economy, and is also largely due to increased use of electronic media to replace newspaper and junk mail. Also, newspaper and magazine sizes have decreased (less advertising). There has also been a reduction of steel and plastic packaging (water bottles, detergent bottles, etc) too.

Transfer Station Permit Sticker fees increased in 2010. Our disposal and transportation costs associated with solid waste collected at the facility increased so the full year permit was raised \$10, bringing a yearly permit sticker to \$100.00, and discounted for senior citizens over 65, to \$80.00. A bundle of ten large trash bags remained at \$14.50 and a

bundle of ten small trash bags still cost \$11.00.

In keeping with the environment and the towns' accomplishments of going green, the Department of Public Works was proud to provide a Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day, which was held on Saturday, September 11, 2010. This event was hosted by Clean Harbors, a company that specializes with the proper disposal of hazardous waste materials. The event lasted four hours and assisted over 200 town residents who were able to dispose of their accumulated hazardous materials. The town was able to provide some financial relief to those residents who retained a valid Transfer Station Permit Sticker, awarding a free pass to dispose of a half-car load of materials consisting of up to 10 gals/10 lbs. Incremental fees were charged accordingly for both full carloads/half carloads, and in volume amounts of either 10 gals/10 lbs, or 25 gals/25 lbs. The Town of Belchertown strives to become one step closer towards keeping our community green and chemical free.

Cemetery Division: The Cemetery Division conducted a total of 29 burials, consisting of 19 earthen burials and 10 cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair.

The Belchertown Cemetery Division is responsible to archive burial records for the deceased within the Town of Belchertown on a continual basis. A master cemetery Deeds compilation has been completed, dating from 1956 to current and consisting of 650 entries. Also, a master compilation of all Burial Certificates & Disposition, Removals

and/or Transportation Permits have been compiled consisting of 1800 entries and dating from 1907 to 2010. In addition, all 846 lots within the Mt. Hope Cemetery have been documented and formatted into a pdf. file, with each page depicting a graphed layout identifying each person(s) by name, within the lot and providing the exact location of the deceased. The Division has also added a newly constructed map of our Mt. Hope Cemetery for ease of viewing.

The Department also received funding through the Community Preservation Act Grant program to repair the vault at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. The awarded contract went to Mountain View Landscapes and Lawncare, Inc. of Chicopee, Ma. who was retained to conduct the repair of the mortared stone wall tomb building, repair and refinish the entrance gates and the re-pointing of approximately thirty feet of stone walls.

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Division: The Buildings and Grounds Division was very busy during this past year, caring for 32 town buildings and approximately 200 acres of open space, cemeteries and athletic fields. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of projects, listed below:

- Repairs to the Town Common, which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to reestablish the turf.
- Removed brush and trees from the Lake Wallace Dam.

- Removed vegetation and marked the Blue Dot trail which runs through the Jabish Brook Conservation Area.
- Installed heat tape on the Police Station and Senior Center roofs.
- Cleared vegetation from the parking areas located at the Topping Farm and Scarboro Brook Conservation areas.
- Painted the exterior of the Belchertown Day School.
- Scraped, caulked and painted the exterior trim of the Finnerty House
- Assisted with the repairs at the Austin/Gaughan recreation area.
- Assisted with the restoration of the playing fields and the construction of a new parking area at Foley Field.
- Assisted the Department of Energy Resources with the energy audits that were conducted at the Town Hall, Fire Station, and Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Put a new-pitched roof on EMS that matches the Town Common area.
- Tore down rotted section of the Belchertown Day School and rebuilt it with more space for better use.
- Helped with addition to field space at Lake Wallace.
- Painted windows and trim at Recreation Department.
- Assisted with the rebuilding of walls and vault at Mt. Hope
- Cut brush from many detention ponds throughout the town.
- Spent countless hours with The Siemens Group correlating energy upgrades for town buildings.

In 2010, the Department of Public Works utilizing Community Preservation Act grant funding was able to enter into its

contract stages for the repair of all ninety-nine windows of the Lawrence Memorial Hall. Although several contractors have expressed interest in conducting the work for this project, which was originally slated to begin in August/September of 2010, the contract is currently being revised with an estimated advertisement date slated for January of 2011. The chosen contractor/bid for this project will work side by side with the Dept. of Public Works and the Buildings, Maintenance and Grounds Division towards achieving the completion of this project while staying on its targeted monetary goals.

This division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed, and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

Tree and Vegetation Control: The Department supervised the removal of 102 trees (more than double the number removed in 2009) consisting of the following varieties: 6 oak, 29 ash, 8 pine, 3 spruce, 2 Hickory, 1 Hemlock, 1 Catalpa and 52 maple. All of these trees were diseased, damaged, or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, Tree Warden Steve Williams has kept abreast of the numerous on-site visits to determine tree damage from the ever-impending "ALB", otherwise known as the "Asian Long-Horned Beetle", which has been sited and confirmed in the Jamaica Plain, New York area, as of July 7th, 2010, and which continues to make its way east. Our Town's Tree Warden remains on the look out for this shiny

black beetle with white spots and long banded antennae that lurks in trees and poses a huge threat to our forests.

Concluding Statement: The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors who support us, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work:

Christopher Besancon, WWTP
Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Superv.
Walter Bosworth, Highway Div. Superv.
Darin Braese, Highway Div. Operator I
Ed Burton, Highway Div. Foreman
Michelle Burns, Custodian
Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
David Clegg, Maintenance Foreman
Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
Dennis Daniels, Highway Div. Oper. I Lab.
Michael Darmochwat II, Laborer
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operations Super.
Chris Elias, DPW Mechanic
Edward Forgette, Highway Div. Mechanic
Debra Giammarino, Custodian
John Grossman, DPW Laborer
Steve Harris, Highway Div. Operator II
Tom Hathaway, DPW Laborer
Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II
Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Laborer
Denis Lessard, Highway Div. Operator II
Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant II
Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
Leo Peet, Highway Div. Operator
Jeff Plant, Maintenance Div. Laborer
Ronald Ritter, Highway Div. Oper. I Laborer
Lenny Russell, Transfer Station Super.
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

**Quaboag Valley Community
Development Corporation and
Quaboag Valley Business
Assistance Corporation**

In 2010, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued its focus on community economic development issues, particularly through assistance to small businesses. The board of directors of the BAC includes a representative appointed by the Selectmen from each of the fifteen participant towns. Belchertown's appointee is Krista Wilson.

The BAC made small business loans using funds from a CDBG grant through the Town of Palmer for the benefit of fourteen towns in the region. The BAC also has a line of credit with seven area banks: Bank of America, Country Bank for Savings, FamilyFirst Bank, Monson Savings Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Southbridge Savings Bank and Spencer Savings Bank. In 2010, nine loans were approved totaling \$327,400. These loans were in the following towns: Brookfield, Holland, Palmer, Spencer, Ware and Warren.

The CDC continued to provide direct assistance to small businesses throughout the year, interacting with 68 businesses within the region. Of these, 58 received at least one hour of individual business

technical assistance with an average of 10.7 hours each. In some cases this was in the form of business planning assistance. In other cases it was outside consulting with attorneys, accountants, computer specialists, bookkeepers and marketing consultants. Most was underwritten by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Business Development. In the Town of Belchertown, 5 businesses were assisted.

Computer and business training to businesses, employees and the general public continued through the CDC in 2010 in three locations: Palmer, Ware and Brimfield. Sixty-two (62) individuals received training, including seven (7) from Belchertown. Four (4) of these received full scholarships in the form of fee waivers to income-eligible persons.

The two organizations continued to be supported by local municipalities, libraries and banks as well as state and federal grants.

Residents are encouraged to contact the CDC with business financing, training or technical assistance needs by calling 413-967-3001 or visiting the website: www.qvcdc.com.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Rutherford,
Executive Director

Scholarship Committee

The Belchertown Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating seniors living in Belchertown. The Committee

depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown for contributions. Contributions can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o The Town of Belchertown's Collector's Office or contributors can add a contribution to their tax payments via the designated portion of their tax bill.

In the year of 2010 we awarded one scholarship of \$500 to Aaron Astley. We started the year with a balance of \$1013.16 and ended it with a balance of \$888.07. We received donations of \$345.60 and interest of \$29.31.

Please consider a donation to help the children of Belchertown with their education expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon James, Chairman
Dr. Judith House
Judith Dudek (Pathfinder School
Representative)
Emmanuel Haqq
Sharon Barnett
Theresa Glanville
Clare Popowich (Belchertown School
Committee Representative)

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

This year was a busy year not so much for the Committee, but as the discussion in Congress and the FCC on the issue of Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality means that Internet service providers may not discriminate between different kinds of content and applications on-line. It guarantees a level playing field for all Web sites and Internet technologies.

On December 21, 2010, the FCC approved a compromise rule banning cable television and telephone service providers from preventing access to competitors or certain web sites. It approved a rule that would broadly create two classes of Internet access, one for fixed-line providers and the other for the wireless Net. The vote was 3 to 2, with the Democratic commissioners supporting it and the Republican commissioners against. The proposed rules would prevent fixed-line broadband providers from blocking access to sites and applications. The rules, however, would allow wireless companies putting limits on access to services and applications. But many public interest groups have said the proposal is “fake net neutrality” and said it was rife with loopholes.

Lew Louraine and I attended the meeting in September of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. In 2009 Governor Patrick announced that Massachusetts has approximately \$2 million in federal stimulus funding to aid in the development of affordable, reliable broadband Internet services for all communities in the Commonwealth. The plan is to assess existing broadband availability, resources, and needs throughout the Commonwealth. In partnership with Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, Massachusetts Broadband Institute is conducting a detailed mapping project, focusing on western Massachusetts to determine which locations within each community lack any broadband access.

Again, the Committee focused on the follow up to the contract with Charter

Communications, which was signed November 2007 and is only five years in length. We have been making plans for the next rounds of negotiations with Charter.

Membership:

The makeup of the Committee stands as follows:

Lew Louraine	James Burke
Christofer deHahn	Joe Gohra
Paul Nelson	Frank Lomanno

We welcome Yosef Nimni, who joined the Committee in November, and the membership is now at full complement. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included:

Frank Lomanno – Chair
Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and
Committee Lead for Contract
Negotiations
Christofer deHahn – Secretary

Liaisons:

The liaison member between the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen is Bill Barnett. We are pleased to have Bill as a liaison to the Committee, given his familiarity with Town government and issues.

Meetings:

Meetings are scheduled on an ad hoc basis for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address:

Our Committee's Town email address (telecom@belchertown.org) serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Web Site:

Along with up-to-date news, the site contains the membership, Mission Statement, the Annual Report and other related links and contacts. The page can be accessed through the Belchertown home page at:

<http://belchertown.org/>

or directly at:

<http://belchertown.org/committees/telecom/index.htm>

Charter Contract:

The Town will receive over \$375,000 over the life of the license of our previous contract. The contract term is for five years, as opposed to, the normal ten year contracts. With pending cable legislation in Federal and State Government, the Committee believed five years gave us the necessary time to react to any new legislation. We also felt that technology changing so rapidly that a ten year license could be seriously outdated and constrain the Town by the expiration date.

Other:

We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for their assistance in maintaining our email and Web site for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional

programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications & Energy
Consumer Division One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: (617) 305-3531 or 1-800-392-6066
Email: Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chairman

Veterans' Graves Officer

For the year 2010, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239, and VFW Post 8428 for their assistance in flagging Mt. Hope and South Cemeteries.

This past year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Act Committee. The money was used to have a 230 foot fence installed at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione,
Veteran's Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2010 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the continued struggling economy. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial. My office also assisted in sending packages to overseas Veterans from items collected at the Town Hall and Selectmen's Office.

Future plans for 2011 would include public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning PTSD, TBI, and the process for getting Veterans home for an emergency. My office will continue to provide assistance to Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent



Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2010, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year the Zoning Board of Appeals received three applications for Special Permits and one Appeal. Three Special Permits were granted. The Appeal had been granted with conditions attached.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Lucey, Chairman
Ray Goff, Vice Chairman
Gregory Galanek, Member
Bernadette Harrigan, Associate
Mark Hebert, Associate
Robert Hislop, Associate



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 10, 2010 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY11

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order at 7:18PM

Registered voters present - 123 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Police Station Building	\$3,200.00	Tadgell/MEMA Building
General Insurance	\$4,000.00	EMS Wage
Council on Aging Wage	\$28,000.00	EMS Wage
Workers' Compensation	\$4,500.00	Dog Officer Wage
Highway Wage	\$10,000.00	EMS Building
Highway Wage	\$8,000.00	Maintenance Expense
Free Cash	\$4,022.00	Election Wage
Free Cash	\$2,800.00	Election Expense
Council on Aging Wage	\$4,000.00	Council on Aging Expense

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer from the EMS Expense Account the sum of \$377.85 to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year:

- Common Cents EMS Supply \$144.00
- Common Cents EMS Supply \$233.85

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to transfer the sums as outlined below to fund the State's portion of the Police Career Incentive also known as the Quinn Bill for the fiscal year 2010 budget,

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Police Expense	\$30,000.00	Police Wage
Health Insurance/Town Share	\$22,000.00	Police Wage

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28PM

Attest: William R. Barnett, Town Clerk



**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 10, 2010
FY10**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	\$68,522.00	\$4,022.00 to Election Wage \$2,800 to Election Expense	\$3,200 from Police Station Building to Tadgell/MEMA Building. \$4,000 from General Insurance to EMS Wage. \$28,000 from Council on Aging Wage to EMS Wage. \$4,500 from Workers' Compensation to Dog Officer Wage. \$10,000 from Highway Wage to EMS Building. \$8,000 from Highway Wage to Maintenance Expense. \$4,000 from Council on Aging Wage to Council on Aging Expense.
2	\$377.85		\$144.00 from EMS Expense Account to Common Cents EMS Supply. \$233.85 from EMS Expense Account to Common Cents EMS Supply.
3	\$52,000.00		\$30,000 from Police Expense to Police Wage. \$22,000 from Health Insurance/Town Share to Police Wage.
TOTAL	\$120,899.85	\$6822.00	\$114,077.85

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 10, 2010 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY11

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting called to order 7:40 PM

Registered voters present – 247 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was performed by Dr. Judith Houle and Mr. Robert Kuhn.

Selectman Kenneth E. Elstein presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Edward Sokolowski.

Selectman Michael J. Reardon presented the Employee of the Year Award to Lori A. Atwell.

Selectman James A. Barry presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Pauline C. Johnson.

Prior to the consideration of any Article, the Board of Selectmen introduced a preliminary procedural motion for the purpose of this town meeting: Resolved that "Town meeting shall adopt a rule that, in order to maintain the budget voted as a balanced budget, any motion to add to a town budget item shall include either the budget item from where said amount shall be subtracted or shall identify a funding source from which said addition may be voted which will not result in an imbalanced budget."

(Vote – Majority No)

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Monika Schrauder as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

- Assessors \$9.29
- Board of Health Members \$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$6,500.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2, 517, 723.00 and appropriate the sum \$420,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account for a total appropriation of \$2, 937, 723.00 for Public Safety, the amount of \$67,468.00 over the Finance Committee recommendation to be placed in the Police Department's Salary line item, each item and amount being considered as a separate appropriation voted by town meeting.

After much discussion a motion was made to *Move the Question*.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)
(Vote on the original motion – Majority No – *Did Not Pass*)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,541,357.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$1,551,357.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,450,255.00 and appropriate the sum of \$420,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$2,870,255.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount

recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,696,488.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$76,083.00, for a total appropriation of \$24,772,571.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$823,950.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,296,542.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$284,006.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$4,317.00 for a total appropriation of \$288,323.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$104,383.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of \$190,561.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,341,207.00 for a total appropriation of \$1,636,151.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700,857.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$698,458.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$744,390.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,057,850.00, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$150,000.00, for a total appropriation of \$3,207,850.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,423.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,547,708.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted, as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, to reauthorize the use of revolving funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits, respectfully.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Commission	Operating Town Beach	\$25,000	None
Operating Teen Center	Receipts from said Teen programs	Recreation Commission	Operating Teen Center	\$25,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Commission	Pool Programs	\$100,000	None

Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner: In *91 Attachment 1*, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan, make the following changes in Classified Non-Exempt Employees:

Add the following position:

- Firefighter/Paramedic: Grade 9

Change Salary in Part-Time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

- Assistant Animal Inspector **from** \$800 **to** \$20 per inspection

Remove in Part-Time Hourly Schedule:

- **Remove:** Part-Time EMT – Basic, Part-Time EMT – Intermediate, Part-Time EMT – Paramedic lines

Create a new section entitled: BCTV Part-time/Stipend Positions

Add the following positions to this new section:

- TV5 Station Manager: \$15.00 per hour – up to 15 hours per week
(or \$225.00 per week)
- TV5 Event Producer: \$75.00 per event
- TV5 Video Editor: \$40.00 per show
- TV5 Camera Operator: \$25.00 per event

In *91 Attachment 2, Appendix B*, Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees, make the following change(s):

- **Remove** first salary chart dated July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008;
- **Remove Date** on second salary chart.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Vote to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$68,563.00 to the Police Department Budget to be held pending Collective Bargaining negotiations as to funding of the State's portion of the Police Career Incentive, also know as the Quinn Bill, for the fiscal year 2011 budget. (Finance Committee Vote 0-3-1 No)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 13 Voted, pursuant to MGL C.64L, §2, to impose a local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town by a vendor at a rate of .75% of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals, said excise to take effect on the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least 30 days after such vote of Town Meeting. (Finance Committee Vote 2-2-0)
(Vote – 105 Yes; 75 No – Majority Yes)

Article 14 Voted to utilize the Department of Homeland Security Safer Act Grant awarded to the Town of Belchertown's Fire Department to explore consolidation of the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Services, including use of available funds in the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services budgets as matching funds, if required by said grant. Endorsed by Finance 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 15 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding language to Chapter 129, Vehicles and Traffic, §129-3. No-parking areas as follows:
F. No person shall park a motor vehicle in front of the following properties identified as Assessors Map 102, Lots 1, 2, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 71; and, Assessors Map 103, Lots 33, 35 and 37, all of which are located at the triangle intersection of Metacomet Street and Federal St.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding language to Chapter 129, Vehicles and Traffic, §129-3. No-parking areas as follows:
G. No Person shall park a motor vehicle on the town-controlled portion of State Street from Maple Street to the intersection of Route 21.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2011 through Fiscal Year 2014 with a 25% reduction in the FY2007 four-year annual dues assessment. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted not to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, as follows:

Insert into Article I, §145-2, Definitions, the following definition:

Accessory Apartment. An accessory apartment shall mean a separate housekeeping unit, complete with its own sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities, that is smaller than the principal dwelling unit and separated from it in a manner that maintains the appearance of the primary structure as a single-unit dwelling.

Insert into Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, the following line:

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
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RESIDENTIAL USES

5. Accessory apartment	SP/P	SP/P	SP/P	N	SP/P	N	N	N	N	N
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and renumber the subsequent existing items accordingly.

Insert into Article VII Special Use Regulations, Section 145-30, then renumber subsequent sections accordingly, the proposed new §145-30 as on file with the Town Clerk and Planning Board (and as printed below):

Accessory Apartments

A. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The provision of accessory apartments is intended to:

- Provide housing options for residents who cannot afford, or who do not desire, a single-unit house with land, for example, young adults and senior citizens; and
- Provide older owners with a means of obtaining rental income, companionship, security and services, and thereby enable them to stay more comfortably in houses and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave;
- Encourage a more economic and energy-efficient use of the town's housing supply while maintaining the appearance and character of the town's residential neighborhoods;
- Protect the stability, property values, and the single-unit residential character of a neighborhood by ensuring that accessory apartments are installed only in owner-occupied houses and are properly permitted and inspected;
- Add moderately-priced rental units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households and make housing units available to moderate income households who might otherwise have difficulty finding housing;
- To provide housing units for persons with disabilities.

B. PROCEDURE

The Planning Board may issue a special permit for one apartment accessory to the use of a single-unit dwelling, provided each of the following conditions is met:

1. There shall be no more than one accessory apartment on an individual parcel of land, regardless of the parcel's area;

2. The owner of the residence in which the accessory unit is created must continue to occupy at least one of the dwelling units as his or her primary residence. The special permit for the accessory apartment may be revoked by the Planning Board if the owner no longer occupies one of the dwelling units;
3. Up to 33 percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling, not to exceed 600 square feet maximum gross floor area, may be permitted for the accessory apartment; to provide for development of housing units for disabled individuals, the Planning Board may allow reasonable deviation from the stated conditions when necessary to install features that facilitate access and mobility for disabled persons.
4. The accessory apartment shall have only one bedroom;
5. There is no outward evidence that the premises are being used for more than one residential unit. That is:
 - a. All stairways to apartments should be enclosed within the exterior walls of the dwelling. Otherwise, they must not be apparent from the street.
 - b. Any new entrance shall be located on the side or in the rear of the dwelling.
 - c. Where there are two or more existing entrances on the front facade of a dwelling, if modifications are made to any entrance, the result shall be that one entrance appears more prominent than the others.
 - d. The accessory apartment must use the same driveway as the main dwelling unit;
6. The accessory apartment must have the same street address as the main dwelling unit, but with the designation "A" for the apartment, for example, if the house is #123, the accessory apartment would be #123A.
7. Accessory apartments are allowed only in the AG-A, AG-B, LR, and VR zones, and only with a special permit from the Planning Board.
8. Special permits issued under this section shall specify that the owner must occupy one of the dwelling units. Prior to the occupancy of the accessory apartment, the special permit must be recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds or Land Court, as appropriate, in the chain of title to the property, with documentation of the recording provided to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer.
9. When there is a transfer of ownership of a property with a permitted accessory apartment, the new owner may apply for transfer of the special permit for an accessory apartment by submitting a notarized letter of application stating that the new owner shall occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises. In extenuating circumstances of transfer, such as, but not limited to, inheritance, bankruptcy, or foreclosure, the owner may request the Planning Board modify the owner-occupancy requirement to allow reasonable time to establish occupancy. The period of owner non-residency will normally not exceed one year. During the non-residency period, the owner shall not be allowed to rent both units.

10. Prior to issuance of an accessory apartment special permit, a floor plan and elevation drawings must be submitted showing the building, including proposed interior and exterior changes to the building.
(Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 required – 80 Yes; 63 No – *Did Not Pass*)

Article 19 Voted to amend Section 145-5 of the Zoning Bylaw, Zoning Map, by changing the parcels identified on the Town Assessors' Map as Map 250 Lot 58, along State Street, and Map 243 Lot 78 (remaining land) as petitioned by the property owners the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation as follows: Change that part of Map 250 Lot 58 that is Ag-A, Primary Agricultural, to B1, Limited Business making the entire parcel B1; and to change that part of Map 243 Lot 78 that is Ag-A, Primary Agriculture, to LI, Light Industrial, making the entire parcel LI. (Endorsed by the Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 20 Voted to amend the General Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, as adding the Animal Control Advisory Board as an enforcement agent for Chapter 15, Animals, Article I, Dog Control.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts, as previously amended, with respect to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Districts, as follows:

Amendment No. 14 to the Agreement

Between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts with respect to the establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District:

The "Agreement Among the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District," (the "Agreement") is hereby amended as follows:

I. Preamble. (a) The first paragraph of the Preamble to the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Agreement among the towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Oakham, Palmer, Ware and Warren Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District."

(b) The second paragraph of the Preamble of the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, among the Towns of BELCHERTOWN, GRANBY, HARDWICK, MONSON, NEW BRAINTREE, OAKHAM, PALMER, WARE and WARREN Massachusetts. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:"

II. Additional Committee Member from Oakham

Section I of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end a new section (L) as follows:

(L) Admission of Oakham.

- (a) Within ten days following the approval of an amendment to the Agreement providing for the admission of the Town of Oakham into the District, the moderator of the Town of Oakham shall appoint one member to serve on the Committee, whose term shall expire at the next biennial District election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of 4 years.

III. Apportionment of Operating Costs to the Town of Oakham.

Section IV of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection IV(H) the following new paragraph:

"The terms of this Section shall apply to the Town of Oakham except that the Town of Oakham shall not be assessed an annual surcharge for the partial reimbursement of the original member towns for their payment of capital costs on account of the original regional District school building."

IV. Effective Date

This Amendment No. 14 to the Agreement shall take effect upon its acceptance by each of the member towns, in accordance with the terms of Section VII of the Agreement. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to adopt the "Stretch Energy Code" set forth in the State Building Code at 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120.AA), as may be amended from time to time and to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, as previously amended, by adding a Chapter entitled "Stretch Energy Code" as follows:

Stretch Energy Code

- 1. Adoption.** The Town of Belchertown has adopted the provisions of 780 CMR 120.AA (i.e., Appendix 120.AA of the State Building Code or the "Stretch Energy Code"), as may be amended from time to time, in place of the provisions set forth under 780 CMR 13.00, 34.00, 61.00 and 93.00.
- 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code shall be to provide the Town with a more energy efficient alternative to the base energy code otherwise set forth under the State Building Code.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 23 Voted to approve a Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Agreement for Bridge Street Enterprises, LLC, 35 Bridge Street, Belchertown, MA and designate their expansion at that location a "certified project".

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$11,809.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2011; and further, that the Town reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve.

- To reserve \$23,618.00 from FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space.
- To reserve \$23,618.00 from FY 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources.
- To reserve \$23,618.00 from FY. 2011 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing.

And that \$153,514.00 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues to the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Vote to appropriate \$100,000.00 to pay the costs of preserving, restoring and/or rehabilitating the windows of Lawrence Memorial Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which funds are to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; and, as funding therefor to appropriate and transfer such funds from the Community Preservation Fund Balance. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate \$250,000.00 to pay costs of preserving, restoring and/or rehabilitating the windows of Lawrence Memorial Hall, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which funds are to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow \$250,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, Chapter 44B of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Department of Public Works is authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this project. (Finance Committee Vote 0-3-1 No) (Endorsed by CPA Committee)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Yes)

Article 27 Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserves \$3,450.00 for fencing and protection of the historic Mount Hope Cemetery, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans' Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance \$21,680.00 for the rehabilitation or restoration of Foley Field, including, without

limitation, the installation of two Little League-sized baseball fields and multi-purpose playing fields thereon, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

- Article 29** Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserves \$52,000.00 for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, with such funds to be expended under the direction of the Housing Needs and Assessment Committee, and, further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept affordable housing restrictions.

A motion was made to *Take No Action*.

(Vote – Unanimous to *Take No Action*)

- Article 30** Voted *not* to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserves \$4,800.00 for a study of the feasibility of preserving, restoring or rehabilitating the root cellar on the site of the former Belchertown School, including without limitation, for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study, pursuant to a grant agreement with the New England Small Farm Institute, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Belchertown Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions under which such funds may be expended.

(Endorsed by Historical Commission 7-1-0 Yes)

(Vote – Majority No – *Did Not Pass*)

- Article 31** Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Balance \$21,560.00 to be expended for the preservation and rehabilitation of Foley Field/Lake Wallace, including, without limitation, building an access road through said property, restoring the existing spillway, and upgrading the walking trails thereon, with such funds to be expended and the work done under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools. (Endorsed by CPA Committee)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

- Article 32** *Citizen Petition:*

To see if the Town of Belchertown will vote to have a vegetable “kitchen” garden plot established close to the Senior Center and the Teen Center.

No motion was made. This article was not voted.

- Article 33** *Citizen Petition:*

Voted *not* to ban the use of toxic chemicals on its lawns and in its lakes.

(Vote – Majority No – *Did Not Pass*)

Meeting adjourned 11:30PM.

Attest: William R. Barnett, Town Clerk



**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2010
FY11**

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases.	\$100.00	100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	30,000.00	30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	6,500.00					6,500.00 from Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct to Cemetery Lot Development Acct.
8	None						
	Itemized Budget						
9	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	1,551,357.00					
	1. Moderator, Salary		0				
	Expenses		0				
	Wages		12,600.00				
	Expenses		4,516.00				
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		89,412.00				
	Wages		96,990.00				
	Expenses		7,960.00				
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		61,675.00				
	Wages		95,340.00				
	Expenses		23,250.00				
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		46,254.00				
	Wages		51,380.00				
	Expenses		12,618.00				
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		61,675.00				
	Wages		147,350.00				
	Expenses		59,625.00				
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		54,219.00				
	Wages		46,705.00				
	Expenses		126,470.00				
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		3,200.00				
	Wages						
	Expenses						
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)						
	Assessor (Salary)		60,786.00				
	Wages		185,890.00				
	Expenses		23,100.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	8. Assessors (cont'd) Field Review Update		0				
	9. Law Account, Fees		91,300.00				
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0				
	10. Finance Cmte, Expenses		250.00				
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00				
	Wages		14,500.00				
	Expenses		12,870.00				
	12. Planning Board, Salary		62,954.00				
	Wages		26,860.00				
	Expenses		3,225.00				
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00				
	Expenses		695.00				
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00				
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00				
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00				
	17. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	18. Conservation Commission, Salary		46,121.00				10,000.00 from Wetlands Hearing Fees Account
	Wages		5,600.00				
	Expenses		1,317.00				
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	2,870,255.00					
	19. Police Department, Salary		78,349.00				
	Wages		1,331,379.00				
	Expenses		275,353.00				
	20. Emergency Medical Svcs. Salary						
	Wages		94,407.00				63,587.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	Expenses						356,413.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account
	21. Fire Department, Salary		123,071				
	Full Time		72,196.00				
	Wages		86,830.00				
	Wages		72,100.00				
	Expenses		111,587.00				
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		8,000.00				
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		24,115.00				
	24. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		19,886.00				
	Salary, (Asst Dog Officer)		3,600.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	24. Dog Officer (cont'd) Wages Expenses		10,514.00 7,610.00				
	25. Inspection Services, Salary Wages Expenses		59,336.00 55,502.00 14,900.00				
	26. Civil Defense, Wages Expenses		350.00 1,170.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	24,772,571.00					
	27. Town School Department Foundation Spending Transport. & Fixed Assets		23,091,826.00 1,604,662.00	76,083.00			
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	823,950.00.00					
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District Net Budget		823,950.00				
	DPW – Highways	1,296,542.00					
	29. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary Wages Uniforms Expenses		72,792.00 571,100.00 12,350.00 750.00				
	30. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		13,500.00				
	31. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		212,000.00				
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		135,000.00				
	33. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		104,500.00				
	34. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		35,150.00				
	35. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		93,500.00				
	36. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		17,000.00				
	37. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		28,900				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	38. Transfer Station (Total) Wages Expenses	288,323.00					79,200.00 from Landfill Receipts 204,806.00 from Landfill Receipts: 4,317.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Day 39. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	1,636,151.00					

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	39. Sewer Enterprise (cont'd) Wages Expenses		104,383.00.00				118,577.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash 71,984.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash, 419,642.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt						
39. Maturing Debt Interest							
HUMAN SERVICES (Total)		700,857.00					
40. Board of Health, Salary							
Wages			2,825.00				
Expenses			4,900.00				
			9,607.00				
41. Council on Aging, Salary			55,508.00				
Wages			322,462.00				
Expenses			33,080.00				
42. Veterans Services, Agent Salary			41,500.00				
Agent Expenses							
			1,940.00				
Veterans Benefits			199,900.00				
43. Veterans Graves-Expenses			1,150.00				
44. DPW - Cemetery Department - Wages			0				
Expenses			27,885.00				
45. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses			100.00				
CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)		698,458.00					
46. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary			65,563.00				
Wages			227,955.00				
Expenses			90,430.00				
47. Parks and Recreation, Salary			55,508.00				
Wages			176,850.00				
Expenses			8,560.00				
48. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses			34,532.00				
49. Parks & Recreation Beach - Expenses			3,100.00				
50. Teen Center, Wages			30,460.00				
Expenses			2,500.00				
51. Family Center, Expenses			3,000.00				
DPW - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)		744,390.00					
52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages			343,500.00				
Expenses			70,900.00				
53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses			55,450.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		3,750.00				
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00				
	56. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		9,850.00				
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		11,150.00				
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		47,650.00				
	59. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		34,300.00				
	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		55,000.00				
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		14,450.00				
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		32,700.00				
	63. DPW-Everett Ave Prop., Expenses		3,000.00				
	64. DPW-Fire Station., Expenses		37,940.00				
	65. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		1,000.00				
	66. DPW-Tadgell/MEME Space, Expenses		23,150.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	3,207,850.00					
	67. General insurance, Expense		127,343.00		150,000.00		
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		71,256.00				
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		8,000.00				
	70. Health insurance, Expenses		996,000.00				
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,400.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		85,000.00				
			1,765,851.00				
	73. Pensions, Expenses						
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	57,423.00					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	75. Historical District, Expenses		348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	STABILIZATION FUND	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
9 (cont'd)	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		3,350.00				
	78. Unclassified Accts, Expenses		52,925.00				
	79. Interest, Expenses		1,137,708.00				
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,410,000.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (Total)	7,500.00					
	81. Council of Governments, Assessment		7,500.00				
10-11	None						
12	Police Career Incentive (aka, Quinn Bill)	68,563.00		68,563.00			
13-23							
24	Community Preservation Admin Expense	11,809.00					11,809.00 from FY11 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Open Space	23,618.00					23,618.00 from FY11 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic District Resources	23,618.00					23,618.00 from FY11 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	23,618.00					23,618.00 FY11 from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve	153,514.00					153,514.00 from the Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues to Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve.
25	CPA-Lawrence Memorial Hall	100,000.00					100,000.00 from CPA Fund Balance
26	Lawrence Memorial Hall Windows	250,000.00				250,000.00	
27	CPA-Mt. Hope Cemetery	3,450.00					3,450.00 from CPA Historic Preservation Reserves
28	CPA-Foley Field	21,680.00					21,680.00 from CPA Fund Balance
29	None						
30	None						
31	CPA – Foley Field/Lake Wallace	21,560.00					21,560.00 from CPA Fund Balance
32-33	None						
TOTAL		42,941,365.00	39,757,261.00	144,646.00	150,000.00	250,000.00	2,639,458.00

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk



Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held December 6, 2010 at the
Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY11

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel

Meeting Called to order 7:40pm

Registered voters present - 126 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to reduce the FY11 Town School Department budget by \$253,955. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from the FY11 Pensions and Insurance account to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the FY11 Pensions and Insurance account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to reduce the FY11 Landfill Enterprise Fund expense budget by \$3,000; and the Landfill Enterprise Fund wage budget by \$9,000. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Ms. Margaret (Peg) Louraine introduced the following motion which was seconded.

I move that the Town transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$5000.00 to an account to be set up and used by the 250th Anniversary Committee as seed money for its anniversary celebration.

The chairman of the Finance Committee announced that his committee did not support this motion.

After much discussion the article was passed.
(Vote – Majority – Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$363,000 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to establish, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53I, a special Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Fund in its treasury in which shall be deposited such sums as may be appropriated by it under the provisions of said Section 53I and any and all sums received from the sale of commemorative items or from admission charges for commemorative ceremonies or events in connection with the celebration of the Town's two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, the principal and interest of which may, upon the authorization of the Board of Selectmen or the majority of the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Committee, be expended for the purposes of said celebration in the year of such celebration and in the year preceding or succeeding the same, any surplus remaining, after such celebration is concluded, to be transferred by the Treasurer into the General Fund.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to appropriate the sum of \$750,000 to pay costs of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, by gift, eminent domain, negotiated purchase or otherwise, certain property known as Holland Glen Forest, which consists of 290 acres, more or less, together with all flowage and other rights and easements, which property is shown on the following Town of Belchertown Assessors Maps/Parcel IDs:

#215-026 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 5091-274;

#214-056 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 5091-274;

#218-067 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#218-068 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#101-083.2 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#101-081 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 7819-327;

#101-080 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 4370-206;

#226-026 and described as a portion of land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Books/Pages 4370-206 and 7858-235;

#226-034 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 2169-319;

#226-033 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 3137-314;

#219-003 and described as land in a deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book/Page 9387-255;

and for the payment of all other costs related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44B, Section 11 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; that the Selectmen are authorized to acquire said land, which shall be held under the custody of and managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of Massachusetts Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended; that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications under the LAND Program (G.L. Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any other federal or state programs that may provide funds to the Town on account of this land acquisition; that the Selectmen are authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements and instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said acquisition, and further, that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to convey a conservation restriction on said property meeting the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as required by Section 12(a) of chapter 44B of the General Laws. (Finance Committee Vote 2-2-0)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Majority Yes)

Article 5

Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land along Bay Road and Federal Street from its current zone of Ag-B, Rural Residential, to B1, Limited Business; such land identified as follows: 5 Bay Road, Assessors' Parcel Map 108 Lot 45 to change from Ag-B to B1 entirely. (Endorsed by Planning Board 3-1-0 Yes)

(Vote 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved 8:35PM

Attest: William R. Barnett, Town Clerk



**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD December 6, 2010
FY11**

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FREE CASH	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1	FY11 School Department Stabilization Fund	(\$253,955.00) 100,000.00	(\$253,955.00)			\$100,000.00 from FY11 Pensions & Insurance account to the Stabilization Fund
	FY11 Pension & Insurance Reduce FY11 Landfill Enterprise Fund expense budget	100,000.00 (3,000.00)	100,000.00			(3,000.00) from Landfill Estimated Receipts
	Reduce FY11 Landfill Enterprise Fund wage budget	(9,000.00)				(9,000.00) from Landfill Estimated Receipts
	250 th Anniversary Committee	5,000.00		5,000.00 From Free Cash to 250 th Committee Acct		
2	Stabilization Fund	363,000.00		363,000.00 From Free Cash to Stabilization Fund		
3	None					
4	Holland Glen Land Purchase	750,000.00			\$750,000.00	
5	None					
TOTAL		(\$265,955.00) \$1,318,000.00	(\$253,955.00) \$100,000.00	\$368,000.00	\$750,000.00	(\$12,000.00) \$100,000.00

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

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	*Denotes Elected						
OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Board of Selectmen	Alfred J. Roccanti		60	50	182	28	320
3 years	*George D. Archibie		128	131	205	92	556
Vote for two	*William R. Barnett		187	165	160	170	682
	Kenneth A. Dorey		16	19	38	15	88
	W. Daniel Fitzpatrick		89	66	90	59	304
	Gerald A. Grasso		90	88	177	46	401
	Patricia A. Kleeberg		31	35	45	37	148
	Sundry Writeins		1	0	0	0	1
		Blank	84	90	115	91	380
		Total	686	644	1012	538	2880
School Committee	*Beverly S. Phaneuf		242	221	345	168	976
3 years	Sundry Writeins		2	0	3	2	7
Vote for one		Blanks	99	101	158	99	457
		Total	343	322	506	269	1440
Planning Board	*George R. Synan		222	209	312	161	904
5 years	Sundry Writeins		4	0	2	1	7
Vote for one		Blank	117	113	192	107	529
		Total	343	322	506	269	1440
Housing Authority	*Tracey L. Thompson		213	197	314	159	883
5 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	2	1	3
Vote for one		Blank	130	125	190	109	554
		Total	343	322	506	269	1440
Housing Authority	*F. Knowlton Utley		219	204	325	161	909
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0	1	2	1	4
Vote for one		Blank	124	117	179	107	527
		Total	343	322	506	269	1440
Board of Assessors	*Samuel J. Joyal		243	212	338	169	962
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0	0	2	1	3
Vote for one		Blank	100	110	166	99	475
		Total	343	322	506	269	1440

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Board of Health	*Gail L. Gramarossa		230	206	317	166	919
3 years	*Gary R. Racicot		211	199	314	158	882
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		1	1	2	1	5
		Blank	244	238	379	213	1074
		Total	686	644	1012	538	2880
Councilor-Hampshire	*Donald L. Minney		233	215	316	162	926
Council of Governments	*Kyle Vincent		200	184	291	149	824
2 years	Sundry Writeins		0	2	2	3	7
Vote for two		Blank	253	243	403	224	1123
		Total	686	644	1012	538	2880
Belchertown Registered Voters		PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	612	663	714	688	2677
		Republican	305	357	406	225	1293
		Unenrolled	1197	1329	1441	1113	5080
		Libertairan	4	17	6	9	36
		Other	4	5	4	13	26
		Total	2122	2371	2571	2048	9112
		Vote Cast on 5/17/2010					
		PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		15.8% Voted	343	322	506	269	1440
Attest:							
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte							
Assistant Town Clerk							

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DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Governor	Deval L. Patrick	133	123	124	161	541
(Vote for One)	Timothy Cahill	1	0	2	0	3
	Blanks	45	40	52	24	161
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	16
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Lieutenant Governor	Timothy P. Murray	136	128	130	154	548
(Vote for One)	Keith Davis	0	0	2	0	2
	Blanks	44	36	55	32	167
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	4
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Attorney General	Martha Coakley	131	126	128	150	535
(Vote for One)	James McKenna	0	0	3	0	3
	Guy Carbone	0	0	1	0	1
	Blanks	50	37	57	36	180
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	2
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin	141	127	123	147	538
(Vote for One)	Blanks	40	37	66	40	183
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Treasurer	Steven Grossman	91	84	97	100	372
(Vote for One)	Stephen J. Murphy	47	42	50	37	176
	Blanks	43	38	42	50	173
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Auditor	Suzanne M. Bump	96	85	70	96	347
(Vote for One)	Guy William Glodis	40	40	58	35	173
	Mike Lake	14	10	15	18	57
	Blanks	31	29	46	38	144
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Representative in Congress	John W. Olver	147	128	143	165	583
(Vote for One)	Blanks	34	36	42	22	134
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	4
	Total	181	164	189	187	721
Councillor	Thomas T. Merrigan	126	119	114	129	488
(Vote for One)	Blanks	55	45	75	58	233
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
	Total	181	164	189	187	721

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		<i>Prec. A & D</i>	<u>A</u>		<u>D</u>		
Senator in General Court	Stanley C. Rosenberg		143		163	306	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		38		24	62	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	0	
	Total		181		187	368	
		<i>Prec. B & C</i>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>			
Senator in General Court	Gale D. Candaras		125	126		251	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		39	63		102	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
	Total		164	189		353	
		<i>Prec. A & D</i>	<u>A</u>		<u>D</u>		
Representative in General Court	Stephen Kulik		146		150		
(Vote for One)	Blanks		35		37	72	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
	Total		181		187	72	
		<i>Prec. B & C</i>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>			
Representative in General Court	Thomas M. Petrolati		119	122		241	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		45	66		111	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	
	Total		164	189		353	
			<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	TOTAL
District Attorney	Michael A. Cahillane		61	51	95	44	251
(Vote for One)	David E. Sullivan		117	110	85	142	454
	Blanks		3	3	8	1	15
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total		181	164	189	187	721
			<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	TOTAL
Sheriff	Robert J. Garvey		139	132	136	136	543
(Vote for One)	Blanks		41	32	52	51	176
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	Total		181	164	189	187	721
			PRECINCTS				
REPUBLICAN	CANDIDATE NAME		<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	TOTAL
OFFICE							
Governor	Charles D. Baker		32	58	61	38	189
(Vote for One)	Timothy Cahill		2	0	0	0	2
	Scott Lively		0	0	7	0	7
	Blanks		2	4	13	1	20
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
			<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	TOTAL
Lieutenant Governor	Richard R. Tisei		32	56	56	33	177
(Vote for One)	Keith Davis		2	1	7	0	10
	Blanks		4	7	18	6	35
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total		38	64	81	39	222

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Attorney General	James McKenna		5	8	9	1	23
(Vote for One)	Guy Carbone		0	2	1	2	5
	Blanks		31	54	70	34	189
	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	1	2	5
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
Secretary of State	William C. Campbell		32	50	62	33	177
(Vote for One)	Blanks		6	14	19	6	45
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
Treasurer	Karyn E. Polito		29	53	62	32	176
(Vote for One)	Blanks		9	11	19	7	46
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
Auditor	Mary Z. Connaughton		25	49	56	27	157
(Vote for One)	Kamal Jain		8	8	13	7	36
	Blanks		5	7	12	5	29
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
Representative in Congress							
(Vote for One)	William L. Gunn, Jr.		34	61	70	37	202
	Blanks		4	3	11	2	20
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Councillor	Michael Franco		32	53	61	28	174
(Vote for One)	Blanks		6	11	20	11	48
	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		38	64	81	39	222
Senator In General Court		<i>Prec. A & D</i>	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		38			39	77
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		38			39	77
Senator in General Court		<i>Prec. B & C</i>		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Thomas A. McCarthy			55	60		115
	Blanks			9	21		30
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			64	81		145
Representative in General		<i>Prec. A & D</i>	A			D	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		38			39	77
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		38			39	77

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Representative in General		<i>Prec. B & C</i>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>		
(Vote for One)	Blanks		64	81		145
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	Total		64	81		145
District Attorney						
(Vote for One)	Michael Cahillane	1	0	6	2	9
	David Sullivan	0	1	2	0	3
	Blanks	36	62	71	36	205
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total	38	64	81	39	222
Sheriff						
(Vote for One)	Stephen Anthony Chojnacki	31	49	60	30	170
	Robert Garvey	1	0	1	0	2
	Blanks	6	15	20	9	50
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	38	64	81	39	222
LIBERTARIAN		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Governor	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Lieutenant Governor						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Attorney General						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Secretary of State						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Treasurer						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Auditor						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	0	0	0	0	0

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LIBERTARIAN		PRECINCTS					
Representative in Congress		A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	
Councillor		A	B	C	D		
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	
Senator in General Court		Prec. A & D			D	TOTAL	
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0			0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0			0	0	
	Total	0			0	0	
Senator in General Court		Prec. B & C		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0	0	
	Total			0	0	0	
Representative in General Court		Prec. A & D			D		
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0			0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0			0	0	
	Total	0			0	0	
Representative in General Court		Prec. B & C		B	C		
(Vote for One)	Blanks			0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0	0	
	Total			0	0	0	
District Attorney		A	B	C	D		
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	
Sheriff							
(Vote for One)	Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	
Registered Voters		PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	625	664	715	701	2705
		Republican	303	361	410	228	1302
		Libertarian	4	21	9	12	46
		Unenrolled	1220	1346	1469	1125	5160
		Others	4	5	4	13	26
		TOTALS	2156	2397	2607	2079	9239

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	Voted on 9/14/2010	PRECINCTS	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	10.2% Voted	Democrat	181	164	189	187	721
		Republican	38	64	81	39	222
		Libertarian	0	0	0	0	0
		TOTALS	219	228	270	226	943
Attest:							
	William R. Barnett						
	Town Clerk						

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		PRECINCTS					
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Governor and Lieutenant Governor							
(Vote for One)	Patrick and Murray	617	566	652	724	2559	
	Baker and Tisei	507	601	672	363	2143	
	Cahill and Loscocco	103	161	184	93	541	
	Stein and Purcell	37	26	39	45	147	
	Blanks	4	6	8	11	29	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	
Attorney General							
(Vote for One)	Martha Coakley	713	725	826	841	3105	
	James P. McKenna	528	614	683	374	2199	
	Blanks	26	20	45	20	111	
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	1	1	4	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	
Secretary of State							
(Vote for One)	William Frances Galvin	760	750	852	826	3188	
	William C. Campbell	410	507	580	324	1821	
	James D. Henderson	42	60	47	43	192	
	Blanks	56	43	74	43	216	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	2	0	2	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	
Treasurer							
(Vote for One)	Steven Grossman	674	650	743	747	2814	
	Karyn E. Polito	526	663	730	431	2350	
	Blanks	68	46	81	58	253	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	1	0	2	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	
Auditor							
(Vote for One)	Suzanne M. Bump	570	586	640	619	2415	
	Mary Z. Connaughton	503	589	685	382	2159	
	Nathanael Alexander Fortune	90	106	103	149	448	
	Blanks	104	79	126	86	395	
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	1	0	2	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	
Representative in Congress							
First District	John W. Olver	729	729	835	827	3120	
(Vote for One)	William L. Gunn, Jr.	472	570	651	357	2050	
	Michael Engel	46	44	40	37	167	
	Blanks	21	17	29	15	82	
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	

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		PRECINCTS					
Councillor		A	B	C	D	TOTAL	
Eighth District	Thomas T. Merrigan	640	633	717	744	2734	
(Vote for One)	Michael Franco	507	613	690	369	2179	
	Blanks	120	114	148	123	505	
	Sundry Write-ins	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419	
Senator in General Court		Prec. A & D	A		D		
Hampshire & Franklin District	Stanley C. Rosenberg		899		992	1891	
(Vote for One)	Blanks		358		237	595	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>11</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>18</u>	
	Total		1268		1236	2504	
Senator in General Court		Prec. B & C	B	C			
First Hampden & Hampshire	Gale D. Candaras		726	806		1532	
District	Thomas A. McCarthy		567	654		1221	
(Vote for One)	Stanley C. Rosenberg		7	3			
	Blanks		60	92		152	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
	Total		1360	1555		2915	
Representative in General Court		Prec. A & D	A		D		
First Franklin District	Stephen Kulik		867		958	1825	
(Vote for one)	Blanks		393		275	668	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>8</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	
	Total		1268		1236	2504	
Representative in General Court		Prec. B & C	B	C			
Seventh Hampden District	Thomas M. Petrolati		960	1063		2023	
(Vote for one)	Stephen Kulik		8	1		9	
	Blanks		375	488		863	
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>20</u>	
	Total		1360	1555		2915	
District Attorney			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Northwestern District	David E. Sullivan		868	972	1055	949	3844
(Vote for one)	Blanks		394	375	497	283	1549
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>26</u>
	Total		1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
Sheriff							
Hampshire County	Robert J. Garvey		754	754	873	837	3218
(Vote for one)	Stephen Anthony Chojnacki		437	541	595	336	1909
	Blanks		77	65	87	63	292
	Sundry Write-ins		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total		1268	1360	1555	1236	5419

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REGIONAL Vocational Technical		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
School Committee	Lorraine F. Alves	879	981	1070	822	3752
Bechertown	Blanks	389	378	484	413	1664
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	1	1	3
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	Blanks	1258	1357	1549	1226	5390
Granby	Sundry Write-ins	10	3	6	10	29
(Vote for One)	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	Blanks	1264	1357	1549	1229	5399
Hardwick	Sundry Write-ins	4	3	6	7	20
(Vote for One)	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	Blanks	1265	1356	1548	1231	5400
Monson	Sundry Write-ins	3	4	7	5	19
(Vote for One)	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	Michael Cavanaugh	741	842	871	680	3134
Palmer	Blanks	527	517	684	556	2284
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
REGIONAL Vocational Technical						
School Committee	Marie Rae	737	809	860	674	3080
Ware	Blanks	531	551	695	562	2339
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
QUESTION 1						
Do you approve of the proposed law that would	YES	590	701	749	453	2493
remove the Massachusetts sales tax on alcoholic	NO	658	646	789	767	2860
beverages where the sale of such beverages and	Blanks	20	13	17	16	66
alcohol or their importation into the state is already	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
subject to a separate excise tax under state law. The						
proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2011.						
QUESTION 2						
Do you approve of a law that would repeal an existing	YES	466	513	564	373	1916
state law that allows a qualified organization wishing	NO	731	781	898	772	3182
to build government-subsidized housing that includes	Blanks	71	66	93	91	321
low Or moderate-income units apply for a single	Total	1268	1360	1555	1236	5419
comprehensive permit from a city or town's zoning						
board of appeals (ZBA), instead of separate permits						
from each local agency or official having jurisdiction						
over any aspect of the proposed housing. The repeal						

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